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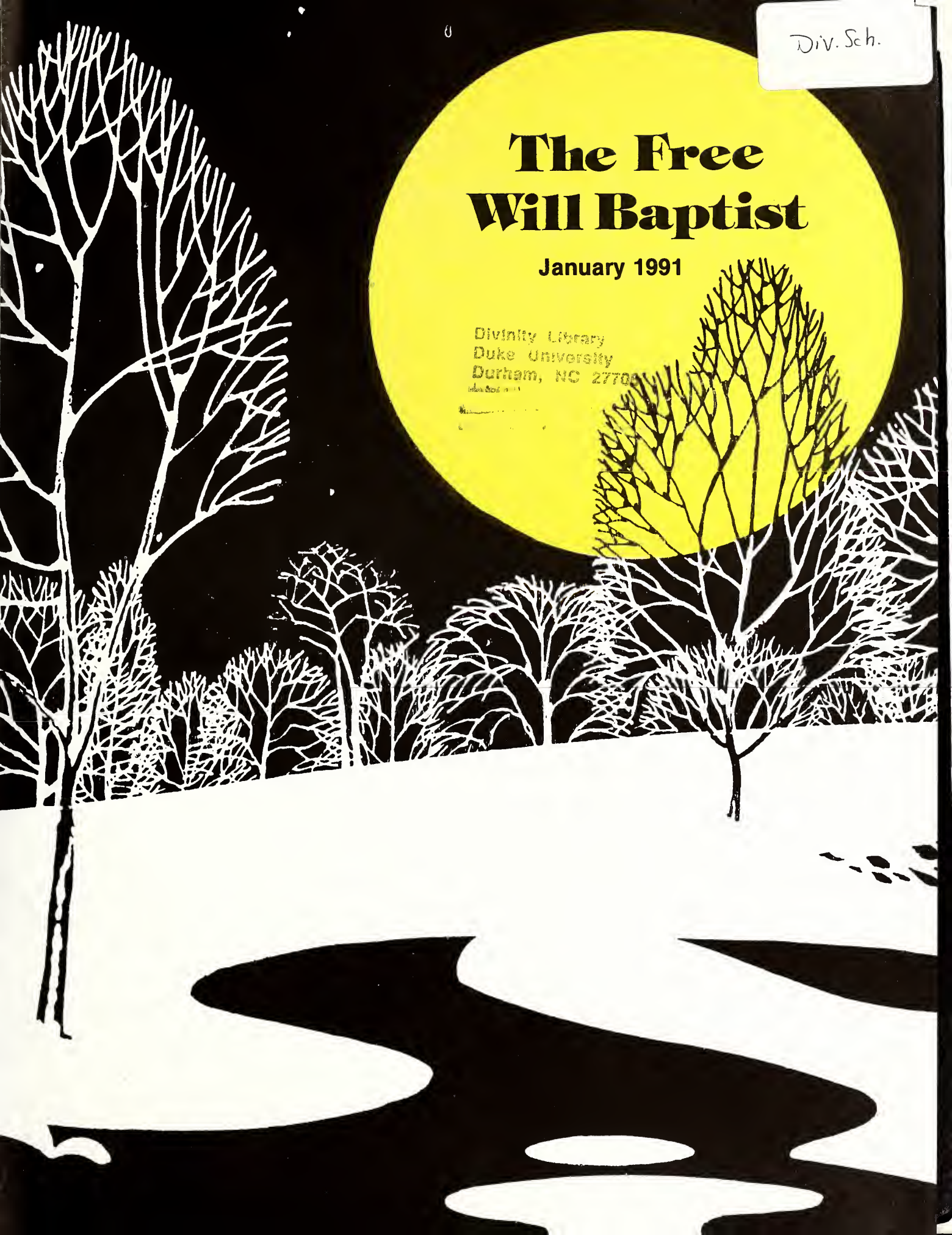


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**ROCK SPRINGS CHURCH  
OBSERVES  
"OLD FASHION" SUNDAY**

*by Joan Bissette*

On November 18, Rock Springs Church held a first ever for our church. We observed an "old-fashion" Sunday as a Pre-Thanksgiving service.

Our pastor, the Rev. Terry Ellis, attired in bib-overalls, white shirt, bow-tie, and black jacket, spoke on the subject "That Old-Time Religion," and our need to return to that type of pursuit of worship. Some of our songs for the day were sung, as we imagine it might have been in the early Thanksgiving Days, without the benefit of music. I, for one, truly felt the touch of God during this service.

As part of this old-fashion theme, many of those in attendance dressed depicting various periods of our history. We had pilgrims dressed in the traditional pilgrim black, there were those that chose the early 1990s flounce dresses, and youth in knickers. The majority of the crowd chose clothing reminiscent of the early 1930s and 1940s. One couple not only dressed for the 1940s, they drove a 1941 Ford truck to service.

A covered-dish dinner was enjoyed later in our fellowship building. Here we continued our "old" theme, plain, simple food prepared without benefit of microwaves.

Whatever the period of time dressed, or cooked for, it appeared old-fashion Sunday had sparked much interest and imagination.

**ROCK SPRINGS CHURCH  
SPONSORS CARNIVAL**

*by Joan Bissette*

Rock Springs Church, in Bailey held a "carnival" on Wednesday night, October 31, for Halloween. Services were started with a devotional program in the church

chapel, featuring the Willis Family, our puppet family. The Willis are part of our youth out-reach program each fourth Sunday during regular church services.

Afterwards, everyone moved to the Fellowship Building where our carnival took place. Decorations were bright and festive, complete with clowns. The ladies helping with games and refreshments all wore clown costumes. Games consisted of basketball, ring-toss games, weight guessing, water pistol shooting of candles, apple bobbing, games of chance, bingo, and the traditional cake-walk. Needless to say, games of skill and chance were enjoyed by all ages. Our carnival's climax was, as you might guess . . . refreshment time.

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**MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
SCHEDULED**

The annual meeting of the Church Finance Association membership will be held February 12, 1991, at 10:30 a.m. at the First Church, Smithfield, North Carolina. All members are encouraged to attend.

**CHURCH PLANS  
FILM VIEWING**

Friendship Church, Farmville, will show the Billy Graham film, "Cry From the Mountain," during the evening worship service on Sunday, January 20. The service will begin at 7 p.m.

The Rev. Walter Reynolds, pastor, and the congregation of Friendship Church invite everyone to attend.

**ORDAINING COUNCIL  
TO MEET**

The Ordaining Council of the Central Conference will meet on January 14, 1991, at 7 p.m., at the Free Will Baptist Headquarters in Ayden, NC. Contact the Rev. J. B. Narron, 205 South Baywood Lane, Greenville, NC 27834; or phone him at (919) 756-7609, if a church or minister needs to meet with the Council at that time.



During 1991 . . .

**Hear the Word of the Lord—  
Concerning Commitment**

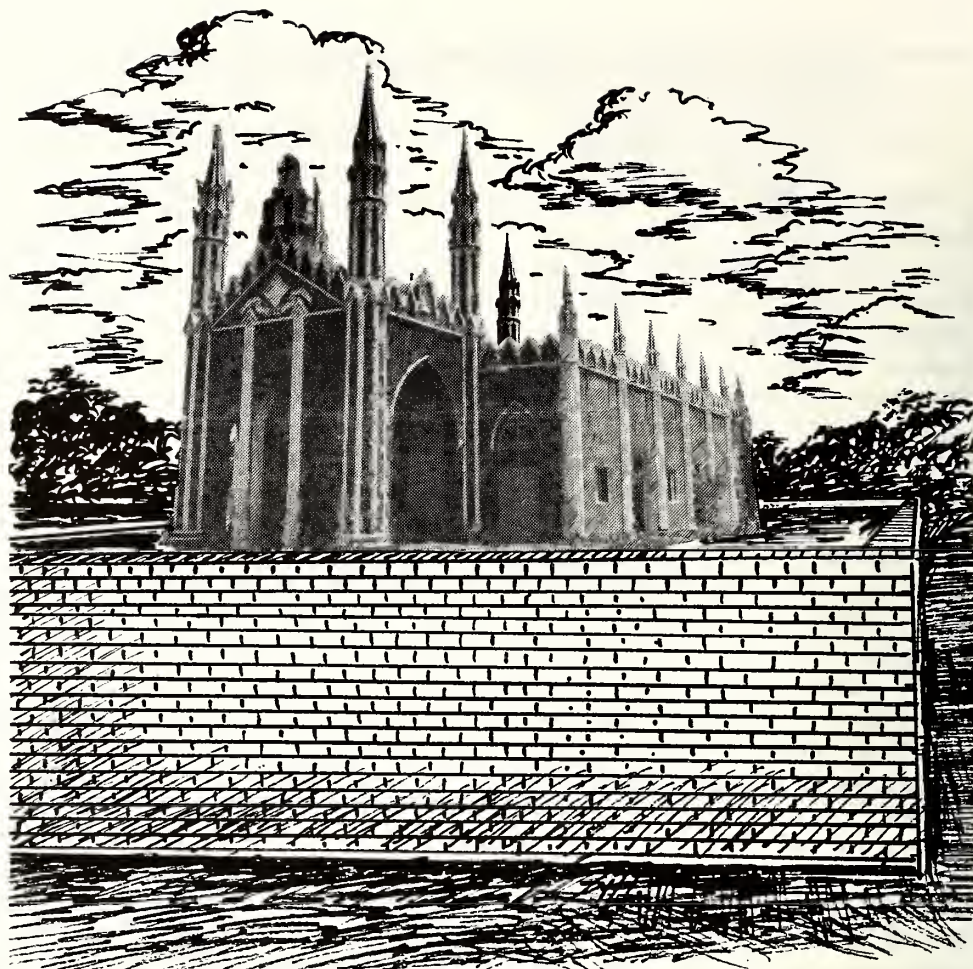
## NEHEMIAH PROJECT: THE WALL MUST BE BUILT

When Nehemiah heard of the condition Jerusalem was in because the wall was destroyed, he wept, fasted and prayed. The Lord heard his prayer and opened the way for him to go to Jerusalem and oversee the construction of its wall and gates. He organized the workers; and even though there was opposition, the wall was completed and the city secured.

The Free Will Baptist Church in Bareilly, India, is suffering because of the lack of a wall around the property. Dr. Lall wrote the following letter. Please read it, weep with them, fast and pray for God's answer.

"I am grieved to inform you that a big mob comprising of about more than one hundred people led by the local presbyter in charge of the Church of North India created rowdyism at our Christ Church little before our church service was to start on Sunday, September 9. It was later learned that there were some people other than Christians and their motive was to fight with our church congregation. I had not reached the church till then but Pramod was the first person to reach the church. He faced the verbal situation by the time Pastor William and others reached the church. This mob said that the Bishop of Agra had no right to transfer the church with its land to us and claimed that it belongs to the local congregation of the Church of North India. Our people told them to deal with their Bishop rather than trying to fight with us." (The F.W.B. Church of India has the deed to this property so there is no question about this.)

"It was good that Pramod had asked William to inform the police who reached the spot immediately and in the meantime I reached the church on getting information. What I could guess that those people were adamant in physically harming me and Pramod. But as I



talked to them they could not resist much and the intervention of the police made them go. I talked to the Bishop on the phone and he showed his helplessness in the matter. He said that we should at our own get it settled. He told me that once when he came to Bareilly he was locked up in the church vestry by this congregation for getting something done. Since then he never came to Bareilly. He also told me that had the people of other religion raided the church I would have definitely resisted and taken them to task legally. He advised to do the same in this case. He assured me that he would call his presbyter and warn him.

"We are fasting and praying to overcome this problem and that a good understanding prevails among these people. **However, we need special prayers by you and your people at this time.**"

This wall must be constructed to secure the people and the prop-

erty. The wall around the property will be 2,114 feet. The cost per foot will be approximately \$10. Will you please help construct this wall with a gift of \$10 or more? We need the immediate response of churches, and individuals so this wall can be constructed as soon as possible. A list of all who contribute will be printed in the **COMMAND** when the wall is completed.

Please remember that this is a special project. Please do not earmark regular support or your Christmas gift to Foreign Missions for this project; 179 people in ministry depend on your faithful support to continue their work.

## PROGRESSIVE MEASURES IN OUR SCHOOL

by Dr. E. M. Lall

As we look to the past, we feel that the Lord guided us in a timely manner and the Board of Missions had also agreed that we may

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undertake the project of elementary schools in the northern part, which is the focus of our work. This, indeed, gave us open opportunities to enter into the heart of a common man through our institutional work, which is so much in need at this time. There is an atmosphere of love and friendship as we work through the schools with the village people, where our schools are located, and get ample opportunity through our teachers and the preachers to preach the Word of God, which at times moves the heart of a common man and he wants to know more. When the follow-up work is done, the person concerned feels inclined to accept the Lord as his personal Saviour.

We have at this time 27 schools, out of which four have been raised as junior high schools. The educa-

tion imparted in our schools is excellent, with the result that children from far and near like to join our schools, which are crowded. We pay special attention that quality education is given to the pupils. The result, as a whole, of all our schools is above board and our children are top in the examinations held by the state government.

It can be safely said that our teachers and supervisors are doing a good job, even though we are not with them all the time but visit them as often as we get opportunity.

We thank you all for upholding the ministry of education through our church organization, which is emerging as result-oriented and is holding the banner of our church high. It is a good avenue of our preaching mission as well.

## BAPTISMS OF NEW CONVERTS

by Dr. E. M. Lall



The first and the foremost task of our church is evangelism. We always give priority to it. We owe our gratitude to God for enabling us to carry out the work of His mission in the midst of many problems. There has been a big change in our country within the past several months and it appears that a more difficult time is ahead. In fact, we enjoy proclaiming the Word in extreme difficult situations. We take opportunities for preaching the good tidings at this time of great confusion and insecurity in the mind of every one. We also get appreciable response and venues of our work.

In John 1:41, the first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Christ." Christians are challenged by Andrew's example to seek others who need Christ. Our cultivated friendship, continued prayer, visits and meetings bring great response to the gospel but need a follow-up.

We had an opportunity of leading five souls to Christ, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. They are now regular members of our church at Bareilly and are very active in church activities.

Our population in the past was 805,000,000, which might have grown by now; and these people need the Lord Jesus Christ for their eternity. We are always conscious of such a call and keep looking for opportunities to expound the message of the life of

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Jesus Christ to those who do not know Him.

However, the credit of carrying out this great commission is on the Board of Foreign Missions who helps us and guides us to glorify God. We solicit prayers of believers so that the Lord may use us and opportunities are kept open for the work of the mission of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### MEMBERS VISIT HOME



Shown above are members of Black Jack Church who recently visited the Children's Home. They enjoyed a tour of the campus, which included Whitley Center, Memorial Chapel, Heritage Hall and Deans Cottage. The Rev. Calvin Heath, kneeling at the right, is pastor of Black Jack.

Twenty new bicycles were delivered later from Black Jack Church, which made Christmas brighter for our children.



#### HILLSBERRY CHURCH GROUP VISITS HOME

Shown above are members of Hillsberry Church who recently visited the Children's Home. They enjoyed a tour of the campus, which included Whitley Center, Memorial Chapel, Heritage Hall and Central Cottage. The ladies brought items from the "Needs, Want List" in *Children's Home Life*, the newsletter of the Children's Home.

#### COMING EVENTS AT MOC

(All events are free, unless otherwise noted.)

**Wednesday, January 16,** Spring Convocation, Lorelle F. Martin, Mount Olive College Professor Emeritus, speaker, 11 a.m., College Hall

**Thursday, February 7,** Pianist William Chapman Nyaho, Visiting Artist James Sprunt Community College, 8 p.m., Downtown Campus

**Saturday, February 16,** The Tactical Air Command Jazz Ensemble in Concert, 7:30 p.m., College Hall (tickets are free and may be obtained by contacting the MOC Advancement Office, [919] 658-2502; or the *Goldsboro News Argus*, [919] 778-2211)

**Tuesday, March 12,** Women's History Month Lecture, Sandra Porter Babb, president and executive director of NC Equity, North Carolina's public policy and advocacy center for women, 11 a.m., Rodgers Chapel

For more information, contact Patti O'Donoghue, MOC director of Public Information, at (919) 658-2502.





## THE MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE PRESS IS LAUNCHED!

(Photo courtesy Jannette Pippin, *Mount Olive Tribune*)

College Hall sparkled like a Christmas tree the evening of Tuesday, November 27. Music from the Beaufort Baroque Ensemble mingled with equally sparkling dinner conversation. Later, the crowd of over 400

quieted as the authors read from their works, launching the Mount Olive College Press. Eastern North Carolina had a new voice.

And what an evening it was. Those who came knew they had been a part of something historic,

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something very special. Some who did not come were heard to say later, "We should have gone out to College Hall Tuesday night, **everybody** was there."

The new literary stars, Lee Davenport Witte of Los Angeles,





Edna Martin and her daughter, Sherrie, of Shady Grove Church, Sampson County, talk with Dr. Pepper Worthington and her son, Dean (photo by Patti O'Donoghue).

California, author of *Levora*, and Pepper Worthington of Kinston, author of *Travels With Dr. Pepper*, entertained and informed. The women touched the inner feelings of their audience.

Mrs. Witte, formerly of Creswell, said, "You don't know this, but I'm Free Will Baptist"—her childhood remembered. Members of Mount Tabor Church in Creswell, who had traveled so far to be on hand for the big event, smiled their approval. The audience clapped.

The gathering laughed heartily and understood when Dr. Worthington, MOC's Writer-in-Residence, told how her mother reprimanded her for sitting alone late at night on Haworth Moors of England. Dr. Worthington knew it wasn't the sensible thing to do, but she also knew she wouldn't discover the mystery of the moors by being sensible.

Others on the program added to the spirit of the evening. "It is a night to take note," said Nido R. Qubein, noted motivational speaker, an MOC alumnus and trustee, "for I feel this must be our finest hour. We want to be the voice of eastern North Carolina," he said, "and bring forth the fruits of eastern North Carolinians."

"Words feed the spirit just as food feeds the body," said Dorothy Whitley, a member of the MOC Press Board and dean of Instruction. She encouraged the audience to get to know the two authors "just as Mount Olive College has."

"We have not traveled this way before," said MOC President W. Burkette Raper. "This is a new experience for us. We see good and significant days ahead, providing for our students an enriched academic program, and to the people of eastern North

Carolina an extension of higher education."

Dr. Raper noted that the Press premiere, which was the 1990-91 Pierson Lecture, also marked the 25th anniversary of the annual series. Dr. Mary Bynum Borgognoni of Mount Olive, sponsors the lectures in memory of her late husband, Dr. William Whaley Pierson, a longtime dean of the Graduate School at UNC Chapel Hill.

White baskets filled with red poinsettias decorated the tables where the authors autographed their books. There was a feeling of excitement among those who waited. No one minded the long lines—an autographed book seemed something worth waiting for.

The Mount Olive College Press continues to grow—like a seed, once planted, pushes toward the





Margaret Banks, of Friendship Church, Jones County, and Leah McGlohon, of Winterville Church, talk with Mrs. Witte.



Dr. Pepper exchanges conversation with L. H. Wetherington, of Sound View Church.



J. D. Fleming, of Winterville Church, waits as Mrs. Witte autographs a book of poetry for him.

Photos by Patti O'Donoghue





Mrs. Witte autographs a book for Brenda Williams, Diana Twiddy and Cheryl Williams, from Mount Tabor Church, Creswell, NC.



Becky and Stephen Prescott, members of Rock of Zion Church, Pamlico County, talk with Dr. Pepper and her son Dean.



Zora Bunn, of Pleasant Hill Church, Wayne County, talks with the Worthingtons.



Carolyn Eakes, of Little Rock Church, waits as Mrs. Witte signs her book.

Photos by Patti O'Donoghue

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Dianne B. Riley, of St. Mary's Church, New Bern, talks with Dr. Pepper about her travel book. Below, Mrs. Witte is caught sharing a conversation with Mr. James B. Hunt Sr., chairman emeritus of the MOC Board of Trustees and a member of Marsh Swamp Church, Wilson County.

heavens. Both Mrs. Witte and Dr. Worthington plan to publish second books with the Press. Drama and devotional writings are also on the Press horizon. Eastern North Carolina does, indeed, have a new voice.

The Mount Olive College Press is an outgrowth of Project EAST, which was initiated in February of 1990, as "a center for regional self-examination" and will serve as one of the educational services available to eastern North Carolina.

*Travels With Dr. Pepper* is a collection of 20 essays of her tour of literary sites in England, Wales and Scotland. *Levora* is a collection of poems revealing Mrs. Witte's personal memory of her eastern North Carolina heritage.

Persons interested in purchasing copies of *Levora* and *Travels With Dr. Pepper* may contact the Mount Olive College Bookstore, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365; telephone (919) 658-2502.





# REALITY OF MOC

## Started as dream

Story and photo by Jannette Pippin  
(Courtesy the Mount Olive Tribune)

The reality is Mount Olive College. The dream was an institution of higher learning backed by Christian values and ideals.

To celebrate the chartering of Mount Olive College 39 years ago as Mount Allen Junior College, the Rev. David C. Hansley of Kinston acknowledged that reality starts with a dream, a message inspired by his father, a leading advocate in the founding of the school. Mount Olive faculty, students and friends filled College Hall and celebrated Founders Day Tuesday.

As a teenager, Hansley said, he watched his father, the late Rev. David W. Hansley, fight to bring the College to the town of Mount Olive and when it was here, use his own hands to help build the cafeteria and serve as the first chairman of the board of trustees—a position he held for 17 years.

For the elder Hansley, reality started with a dream but required hard work and devotion, and that's the message his son, an MOC alumnus and special assistant to President Dr. W. Burkette Raper, carries with him.

"I can remember my father's last visit to the campus and him

saying, 'I cannot believe a dream of mine is a reality right before my eyes,' " Hansley said, "My, what a dream. My, what a reality."

But, it was a reality that led to the dream in the first place.

"My father and I and some others were standing around talking one day and my father told me I needed to go to school, but when asked where there was one, the answer was there is not one," Hansley said. "... It was a young man like me that needed the special touch of a college like this."

Hansley was able to attend the college that his father wanted him to.

Mount Olive College was chartered in 1951 and opened in 1952 near Black Mountain. In September 1953, the College moved to Mount Olive and in 1954 Dr. Raper was elected president and the College began its first year with 22 students. The school was accredited as a two-year college in 1969 and a four-year institution in 1986. Currently it

serves about 1,000 students on its main campus and through extensions.

### MOC FAMILY

The Hansley family has been synonymous with Mount Olive College, first in building it and now in supporting it.

Before he was old enough to attend, Hansley worked with his father renovating what is now the downtown campus into a cafeteria.

"When they were building the cafeteria, people gave their labor because it was free, but while we were out there, we had the best time of our life," Hansley said. "Sometimes it was just he (his father) and I working."

When the school was still a two-year college, Hansley attended and then transferred to Atlantic Christian College. At the same time, his father was on the Board of Trustees and his mother was dean of women and the dietician.

"My father would drive the trip to the College two or three times a day and my mom stayed here weeks and weekends," he said. "... They would watch me play basketball. It didn't take me long to realize they were where God wanted them to be ... Dad believed you were supposed to give all of your mind and all of your strength."



**CLASPED HANDS**—After the annual Founders Day event at Mount Olive College, MOC President Dr. W. Burkette Raper, left, joined hands with James Evans, center, of Seven Springs, the College's first full-time employee in Mount Olive, and the Rev. David C. Hansley, the day's speaker, as a show of continuing support for the College.





Hansley family attends MOC's Founders Day program—Pictured following the 1990 Founders Day program at Mount Olive College are, from left, seated, Mrs. Charles A. Clements Jr., of Gastonia; Charles Clements, Mrs. Elizabeth Hansley's brother; and Elizabeth Hansley, mother of the Rev. David Charles Hansley. Back row, the Rev. Hansley, keynote speaker; Mrs. Sylvia Hansley, his wife; son Phil Hansley; and daughter Cynthia. Hansley, the executive director of Home Missions and Evangelism of Original Free Will Baptists, remembered his father's contribution to the growth of MOC. The speaker also shared some of his dreams for the College—"that the Road to Excellence will have no ending, that we never forget the purpose of Mount Olive College, that majors be added to the four-year program, that we set an example for what Free Will Baptists ought to be, that the Mount Olive College Press will become a leader in publications . . . Can reality come from dreaming?" he asked. "Yes," he answered, "and to God be the glory" (photo by Patti O'Donoghue).

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Bringing Dr. Raper to the College was another dream of Hansley's father.

"My father was told he couldn't get that young man (Dr. Raper) because he is looking for higher things, but he didn't believe them," Hansley said. ". . . Dr. Raper, you are to be commended and we thank God for a man like you. You helped make a dream a reality."

Even with people like Hansley, Dr. Raper said the biggest challenge when he first arrived was drumming up support.

"If there were those demanding a college, they were gone when I got here," Dr. Raper said.

In its charter, the purpose of the College is stated as, ". . . To main-

tain an emphasis upon scholarship and Christian living in an academic community made up of persons dedicated to the practice and advancement of Christian ideals in all areas of life."

In his 36 years at the College, Dr. Raper has promoted just that.

"We place great value in a church-related college," Dr. Raper said. "It's not a ribbon we tie around the College to impress people, it is the heart and soul of why it exists."

For those students graduating from the college and for those just beginning, Hansley said it was important that they use their Christian education throughout life.

"No one can attain it for you, but you can attain it, and when you do, no one can take it away from you," he said.

### CHURCH NIGHT SET AT MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Mount Olive College invites students, youth leaders, pastors, and parents to join us for men's and women's basketball games during Church Night, Saturday, February 9. This year the Trojans will take on Saint Andrews College. The women's game will begin at 5:30 p.m., and the men's game is set for 7:30 p.m.

Passes will be waiting at the entrance of College Hall, if reservations have been made in advance. To make reservations, call the Admissions Office, (919) 658-2502. See you there!

### FREE WILL BAPTISTS RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE TO MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Mount Olive College Trustee Charles B. Hinnant, a member of Micro Church, Johnston County, and Business Professor Sonya Faye McCoy, a member of Hugo Church, Lenoir County, were recognized for six years of service to MOC. Hinnant and Miss McCoy received Certificates of Appreciation during the Founders Day program, November 20.

Also receiving certificates were: Lillie W. Whitfield and Bernice Hollowell, Food Services; Elizabeth L. Braswell, professor of English; Dr. Barbara R. Kornegay, vice president for planning and support services; Linda S. Kraft, director of advisement; and James E. Williams, vice president for institutional advancement.

### KINSTON FAMILY PLEDGES NEW BUILDING TO MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

The W. Roy Poole Family of Kinston, a building contractor, has volunteered to construct an 8,000 square foot building on the Mount Olive College main campus as a gift to the College. The present commitment is to provide the structure including completed exterior and approximately 40 percent of the interior, finished

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**Site preparation for new building at Mount Olive College**—Work has begun on the construction of new building for Mount Olive College in an area between College Hall and the Henderson building. The 8,000 square foot building is a gift of the W. Roy Poole Family of Kinston, a building contractor (photo by Patti O'Donoghue).

floors, heating, air conditioning, and plumbing.

The building will provide offices for the Project EAST program, Mount Olive College Press, College Bookstore, and Administrative Offices (President, Advancement, Business, Admissions, Financial Aid, and Public Information). Completion and occupancy of the building is anticipated during the summer of 1991.



**Congratulations offered to Union Grove Church**—Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, left, congratulates the Rev. Billy Yawn, pastor of Union Grove Church, Fremont, following the Wayne County gift support dinner. Union Grove reported 42 Bridge Builders, the most for any church in the county (photo by Patti O'Donoghue).

## **FREE WILL BAPTISTS PROVIDE \$304,000 AT ANNUAL DINNERS**

Free Will Baptists throughout eastern North Carolina have provided \$304,000 in gifts and pledges to Mount Olive College at the 1990 dinners. This amount represents an increase of \$13,000 over 1989. There were also 1,175 Bridge Builders, an increase of 94 over last year.

Approximately 3,300 people attended the 17 county dinners which are held annually throughout the eastern part of the state. Over 400 volunteers from Free Will Baptist churches worked toward the successful completion of the dinner program this year. Jean F. Ackiss, director of church support and coordinator of the dinners, emphasized that each church—no matter what its size—and its volunteers are important to the work of the College.

"Our volunteers help convey what Mount Olive College is doing for the church and eastern North Carolina," said Mrs. Ackiss. "Volunteers help people understand the importance of Christian higher education in our society. They are the liaisons between the church and the College."

Mrs. Ackiss stressed that those who participate as Bridge Builders are making an important contribution in "building the bridge between the two-year and the four-year program at Mount Olive College."

Bridge Builders are those who contribute \$100 or more at the dinners. There are three Bridge Builder clubs: Trustees' Club, \$1,000 or more; President's Club, \$500-999; and College Club, \$100-499.

Gifts generated from the dinners are designed for the general education fund of the College. Free Will Baptists can be proud of the fact these funds help provide over \$650,000 awarded in MOC's scholarship program this year.

By their encouragement, enthusiasm, and support, Free Will

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Baptists aid significantly as Mount Olive develops into a strong regional College.

#### SUMMARY OF 1990 DINNERS

County	County Chairman	Bridge Builders	Gifts
Beaufort	Billy Gurkin	43	\$10,516
Carteret	Reginald Styron and Nathan Garner	62	18,400
Craven	Marice DeBruhl	64	16,226
Duplin	William D. Thigpen	58	12,045
Edgecombe	Stanley Buck	30	6,175
Greene	Lena Walston and Randy Beaman	79	19,706
Johnston-Wake	Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hinnant	128	37,835
Jones	Mildred Jenkins	14	3,215
Lenoir	Stanley Jenkins and Melvin Smith	57	14,385
Nash	John R. Manning	28	8,785
Onslow, New	Ronnie Parker	17	4,704
Hanover, Brunswick			
Pamlico	Letha Paul	30	7,551
Pitt	Tim Tyndall	136	27,470
Sampson, Harnett, Cumberland	C. Felton Godwin	98	20,100
Washington, Martin, Tyrrell	David Cahoon	31	9,821
Wayne	Tempie Jones	155	51,524
Wilson	James B. Hunt	145	35,768
TOTAL		1,175	\$304,226

#### STUDY COMMISSION ON HOW MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE CAN BEST SERVE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

*by K. David Hines,  
director of Education for  
Christian Ministries*

Mount Olive College is the extended arm of Original Free Will Baptists in Christian higher education. There are more than 3,200 colleges and universities in the United States, but Mount Olive is the only one chartered by our Convention and governed by a Board of Trustees whom we elect.

Having recently made, at the request of the Convention, the transition from a two-year to a four-year college, Mount Olive is now in a more advantaged position to meet the educational needs of Original Free Will Baptists. In order to provide a special medium of input from its sponsoring body, a study commission is scheduled to meet February 9, 1991, on the College campus. The purpose of this commission will be to identify the educational needs of Free Will Baptist churches, ministers, laypersons, and denominational ministries which can be set by services of Mount Olive College.

This Study Commission will represent a broad cross-section of the Free Will Baptist church. Representatives from the following groups have been invited to serve on this commission: College personnel; the College Board of Trustees; the Executive Committee of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists; denominational ministries and organizations; parents of Free Will Baptist students; ministers; and laypersons.

Individuals who are interested in receiving additional information are asked to contact Dr. K. David Hines at: Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, NC 28365; (919) 658-2502.

*January Is . . .*

*Retirement Homes Month*



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Fellowship kicks off Fall Semester.



Visiting the FWB Children's Home.



## FOCUS ON THE FREE WILL BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP

Fun, fellowship, and service are hallmarks of Mount Olive College's Free Will Baptist Fellowship. During fall semester, this lively group of Christian students and their advisor, Dianne B. Riley, MOC director of Admissions, have participated in everything from a "Dinosaur Egg Hunt," vespers services, and visits to the FWB Children's Home to a religious retreat at Camp Vandemere. And in January, a Ski Retreat is planned.

The purpose of the FWB Fellowship is to provide opportunities for Christian fellowship, service, and worship through which students may strengthen their personal faith and character. This active group lives up to its purpose.



At the Children's Home.



Camp Vandemere: from services to fun.





Finding the "Dinosaur Egg."



Discussing an upcoming program.



On the float in the Mount Olive Christmas parade.



# MARCH IS FOREIGN MISSIONS MONTH

FOREIGN MISSIONS TELETHON SUNDAY  
WILL BE

MARCH 24, 1991

THEME: PURPOSE

**Telethon Goal 1991:** A total of \$80,000+ in contributions on that Sunday. Please make this a matter of prayer. We can easily reach this goal if every church and individual will give as unto the Lord in obedience to His Great Commission. **OUR PURPOSE IS TO TAKE THE GOSPEL TO ALL PEOPLE.**

Call in your special offering between 1:30 and 5:30 p.m.

Dial 919-746-4963 or 746-6128.

Your call is vitally important and appreciated.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR REVIVAL  
AND WORLD MISSIONS  
March 24, 1991

Revival comes when God's people pray with a broken heart for a church and a world weakened and wrecked by sin. Please make this day the most significant day in the history of our church.

Let Him enter your heart—your church in fulness.  
His Kingdom is spiritual—full of power and everlasting.

**Prayer Goal 1991:** All churches joining together in united prayer for revival and world missions during the Morning Worship Hour on March 24, 1991.

In prayer, there is power;  
In prayer, there is victory.

In prayer, He is Lord!

Let's unite today in prayer that will shake the world.



**MARK THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR**

**MARCH 15, 1991**



**Annual World Missions Conference  
sponsored by the Board of Foreign Missions**

**Speaker—**Rev. Glenn Sheppard with International Prayer Ministries

**Place—**Unity F.W.B. Church, Wilson, NC

**Time—**3:00 P.M. Opening Session  
4:00 P.M. Second Session  
5:00 P.M. Meal Break  
7:30 P.M. Mission Rally



WE  
BELIEVE

**These are the Old and the New Testaments, that they were written by holy men, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and are God's revealed word to man. We believe that they are a sufficient and infallibly true rule and guide to salvation and all Christian worship and service (Article 8, Doctrine of the Holy Scriptures, from *The Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists [of the English General Baptist Heritage]*).**

## HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

The Bible stands alone amidst volumes of literature produced throughout the history of the world. Untold millions have long considered it the greatest book ever published. The Bible is without question the number-one best-seller of all times. It has been published in more languages than any other book in history, and consequently read by more people than any other book could possibly claim.

The Bible is the Word of God! Its authority for faith and living has been recognized by people from all walks of life.

"This Bible is for the government of the people, by the people, and for the people." John Wycliffe

"The Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man. All the good from the Savior of the world is communicated through this Book. All the things desirable to man are contained in it." Abraham Lincoln

"The Bible is worth all other books which have ever been printed." Patrick Henry

"I did not go through the Book. The Book went through me." A. W. Tozer

"If there is anything in my thoughts or style to commend, the credit is due to my parents for instilling in me an early love of the Scriptures. If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering . . . ." Daniel Webster

"The Bible was never intended to be a book for scholars and specialists only. From the very beginning it was intended to be everybody's book, and that is what it continues to be." F. F. Bruce

"The New Testament is the very best book that ever was or ever will be known in the world." Charles Dickens

"It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible." George Washington

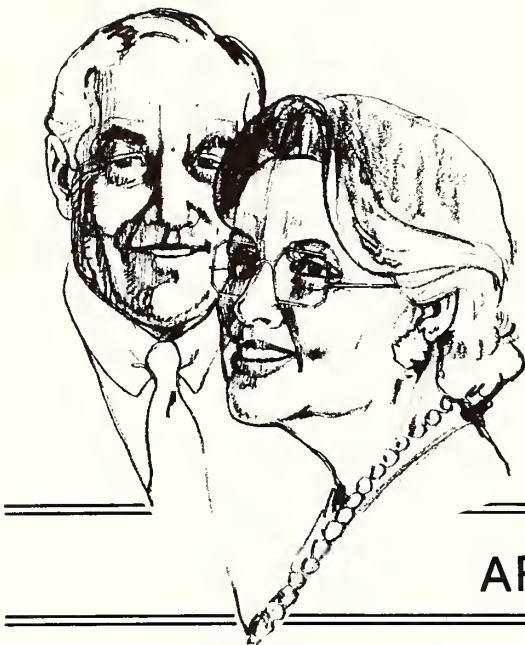
"The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold on me." Martin Luther

It is significant that one of the first articles of the Original Free Will Baptist Convention Articles of Faith deals with the inspiration, revelation, and authority of Scripture.

The Bible is the very Word of God. It is the complete revelation of God's will to man. Through it we are called to submission and obedience to our Lord. It is our power for living!

(Adapted from *Evangelical Beacon*, October 1, 1990).





## ARE YOU READY FOR THE AGE WAVE?

by Win Arn and Charles Arn

Churches desiring significant evangelistic results and membership growth in the 1990s will need to become effective at what we call "target group evangelism." This is a strategy which identifies a specific segment of society (or "people group"), and then intentionally researches, communicates with, and builds bridges to persons in that group.

There are hundreds of "target groups" in America today. "Baby boomers" are probably the most publicized. But there are myriad more; plenty to go around for all churches, and then some.

While there are many target groups available to most churches, we believe there is an extremely receptive and growing target group which can easily be identified and focused upon. Because of its nature and size, it offers unusual opportunity for ministry and growth for nearly any church.

It is the senior adult population.

America, and the entire western world, has suddenly found itself in the midst of what sociologists are calling an "age wave."

### A Rediscovered Generation

While media and marketers were trumpeting the "baby boom generation," an entire wave of Americans moved into their 50s, 60s, and 70s. Today social scientists (and astute church leaders) are coming to see the vastness and significance of this overlooked and rapidly growing generation. For example, did you know that . . .

- there are more Americans 65 years of age and older than the entire population of Canada.
- the over 55 years population is multiplying three times faster than the population at large.

- since 1983, the number of persons in the U.S. over age 65 has exceeded those under the age of 18 years.
- life expectancy will increase from 75 years to 80 years within the decade.
- the U.S. is changing from a youth-oriented culture into a nation of middle age and older adults.
- the 65 years plus group represents 12% of the national population. In churches, this same group represents 20%.

A recent national sampling by *Life International* (an organization helping parishes apply the principles of church growth to reach senior adults) reveals that many denominations are already seeing the "age wave" crest on their shores.

### PERCENTAGE OF MEMBERS by Denomination

	55 yrs. +	13-20 yrs.
American Baptist	26.5%	9.6%
Assemblies of God	14.4%	18.0%
Christian Church/Church of Christ	24.8%	12.4%
Christian and Missionary Alliance	14.6%	8.8%
Christian Reformed	16.8%	11.2%
Church of the Nazarene	22.7%	1.2%
Disciples of Christ	43.8%	8.5%
Evang. Lutheran Church in America	20.2%	5.9%
Free Methodist	18.5%	14.9%
Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod	18.8%	10.2%
Non-denominational	15.3%	13.6%
Presbyterian, USA	41.7%	7.6%
Southern Baptist	13.0%	13.1%
United Methodist	40.9%	11.4%



## SENIOR ADULTS A RECEPTIVE "PEOPLE GROUP" FOR GROWTH

The late Donald McGavran, founder of the modern church growth movement, observed a remarkable phenomena on the mission field of India over 40 years ago. He noted that when Christianity flourished in a particular area or region, it was often when entire villages or groups of people came to faith in a short period of time. He later called these "people movements," and found that in the process often entire castes and tribes would become Christian.

McGavran also observed that there were some tribes and castes of people who were, at certain times, more *receptive* to the gospel, while other groups tended to be *resistant*. His subsequent recommendation to missionaries who desired to see the Christian harvest in great numbers, was to seek out receptive "people groups"—people whom God had prepared—and focus evangelistic strategy on the persons in these groups.

This principle of "receptivity" is as relevant today as ever. And senior adults in your community are a receptive "people group." Here are three reasons why, and how your church can respond.

### 1. Seniors are experiencing greater changes in life situations.

Many readers are familiar with the "Holmes—Rahe Stress Scale" developed by two physicians from the University of Washington. The two identified various changes in life situations which people experience, and then ranked them in order of severity or intensity of effect. The researchers then examined relationships between persons experiencing these "transition events" and the likelihood of their being hospitalized. There was a strong correlation. Stressful life events often resulted in debilitating physical symptoms.

A subsequent study<sup>1</sup> took this same stress scale and looked for relationships between these transition events and whether persons tended to change their religious lifestyle; specifically, moving from an unchurched lifestyle to Christian faith. Again, a strong correlation was found—people tended to become active church members much more often during times of change. When persons' traditional points of reference were changed, they seemed to be open to other changes in their life.

*Here is the important insight:* On the Holmes—Rahe stress scale, over half of the events typically occur in the lives of persons over age 50! The older persons become, the more frequently they experience life-changing events. These events

provide "windows of opportunity" in which people seem to move from resistance or indifference to the gospel, to receptivity and openness. Another way of seeing these events are experiences which the Holy Spirit uses to open people's eyes to needs which cannot be filled in human terms.

Below is a modified version of the "stress scale" we have developed which integrates additional life events and severity which often occur among senior adults:

### Arn Modified Senior Stress Scale

Adult Age Life Event	Rank
1. Death of a spouse	100
2. Divorce	73
3. Move to retirement home	70
4. Marital separation	65
5. Death of a close family member	63
6. Major physical problems	53
7. Marriage	50
8. Realization of no meaningful faith for eternity	47
9. Financial loss of retirement money	47
10. Forced early retirement	46
11. Unable to maintain driver's license	45
12. Marital reconciliation	45
13. Retirement	45
14. Spouse confined to retirement home	45
15. Change of health of family member	44
16. Gain a new family member	39
17. Change in financial state	38
18. Death of a close friend	37
19. Difficulty getting medical insurance	36
20. Change in number of arguments with spouse	35
21. Mortgage over \$50,000	31
22. Feelings of not being needed	29
23. Feelings of lack of purpose	28
24. Outstanding personal achievement	28
25. Wife begins or stops work	26
26. Revision of personal habits	24
27. Significant less contact with the church	24
28. Significantly decreased contact with children/friends	25
29. Trouble with the boss	23
30. Minor physical problems	20
31. Change in recreation	19
32. Change in church activities	19
33. Change in social activities	18
34. Mortgage or loan less than \$50,000	17
35. Change in sleeping habits	16
36. Change in number of family get togethers	15
37. Change in eating habits	15
38. Vacation	13
39. Christmas	12
40. Minor law violation	11



One of the best ways to show that the Christian faith and your church community provides a relevant response to issues older adults face, is to plan a senior ministry around some of these "transition events." For example, I was recently conducting a seminar in a Lutheran church. Across the hall, at the same time, the church was also holding a support group meeting for those who had suffered a stroke. There were over 20 persons in the group, only several of which had previously been involved in the church.

A Baptist pastor from Washington told me recently of their "Crisis Deployment Team" made up of members who are specially trained in helping persons dealing with the loss of a spouse or loved one. All those members involved had personal experience in this "transition event." It has been an effective way for the church to provide tangible expression of Christ's healing love, and see many come to faith and church involvement. The pastor also told me that the helping process had serendipitously helped those on the crisis teams to deal with their own sense of loss and grief.

## **2. Older adults have a greater desire for meaningful relationships with others.**

"Intimate relationships make a profound difference in the quality of life at any age," says Ken Dychtwald, author of the popular new book *Age Wave*. "Yet in later years of life, the making and keeping of relationships can become more difficult."<sup>2</sup>

For those senior adults who are able to comfortably provide for themselves, their next most important need is people. Of course, at all ages we need others. But it is a particularly strong need among senior adults who often have children pursuing their own careers and family, parents who are aged or gone, and little meaningful interaction with others following retirement.

Senior adults seem to be particularly willing to give and receive love. A national study we recently conducted on the subject of love and caring<sup>3</sup> in local churches related several questions/responses to the age of those responding. It was fascinating to observe, for example, that;

- While 69% of church members 13-20 years report "high" or "moderately high" love experienced in their church group, 95% of members 50+ years report the same high level of love experienced.

- In response to the question: "On a scale of 1-10, with 10 highest, how easy is it to say, 'I love you' and really mean it?" Here were the results. Notice the pattern as people grow older:

Senior adults, whether Christian or non-Christian, have a particularly strong need for

meaningful relationships with others. Such relationships are known to be therapeutic and contribute to longevity. In contrast, one research physician from John Hopkins University calls loneliness the number one killer—"some other illness goes on the death certificate, but the prime cause was loneliness."<sup>4</sup>

Over 100 United Methodist churches in the state of Nebraska recently completed a coordinated 13-week study/application entitled *Growing in Love—Seven Steps to Becoming a More Loving Person*. According to Robert Folkers, chairman of evangelism for the Methodist churches in Nebraska, "this study was a significant experience for all those involved, but I particularly noticed a high involvement level among our older adults. They took to it like a duck to water."

Churches where love is intentionally taught and practiced will attract people—particularly senior adults.

## **3. Senior adults want (and need) to make a meaningful contribution.**

Some authorities suggest that life can be broken into three basic periods:

1. Through age 25: *Preparation*—experimentation, defining oneself through acquiring individual values, education, a unique self-image. One's priorities in this period of life tend to be understandably self-centered.

2. From age 25 through age 65: *Productivity*—defining oneself through a career, material acquisitions, marriage, family. One's priorities in this period of life tend to focus on financial security.

3. Age 65 and over: *Redefinition*—People usually define themselves vocationally. But upon retirement this is no longer relevant. As a result, seniors often find themselves looking for meaningful activity and sense of purpose. Not all seniors consciously realize this, but those who have been able to successfully redefine their self-identity say it is the elixir to good physical and psychological health. In contrast, it is common for those who have not successfully redefined their individual purpose and identity to experience mental and physical deterioration.

Social and psychological experts today agree with the timeless prescription for good health and long life: "those who *get* the most . . . *give* the most." Or, as Christ said, "he who desires to find his life, will lose his life." Churches with growing senior adult ministries are ones which take the biblical theme of "ministry" seriously . . . and extend it to senior adults in particular. "A mere cycle of games, trips, entertainment, and handcrafts wears thin," says aging authority Mark Bergmann.<sup>5</sup> "Helping others to play games, taking



others on trips, entertaining others, and making handcrafts for others, these activities give the dimension and provide the setting for the discovery of meaning."

Nowhere in the Bible does it say that Christians retire from discipleship and ministry at age 65!

Speaking to a group of senior adults recently, the late Dr. Donald McGavran, 93, and founder of the modern church growth movement, said: "So many people think their lives stop when they retire . . . that their real work has ended. When I retired at age 68, the most important work of my entire life began. Let me assure you, my friend, that your real life has begun, and probably your most important contribution will be made in the coming years. But see to it that you deal with important matters. See to it that you deal with the church. See to it that you deal with bringing people to Christ."

Or, as Billy Graham recently said when asked about his plans for retirement, "I wasn't aware that Christians retire from ministry."

### Getting Ready for the Wave

*The "graying" of the church could be the growing of the church!* The possibilities for an outreach-oriented, growth-producing senior adult program in most churches are tremendous!

Senior adults are, as a whole, particularly receptive to the gospel. And while there are many senior adults in the church today, there are hundreds of thousands outside the church. An effective senior adult ministry is an imperative for any church dedicated to proclaiming the gospel and effectively carrying out the Great Commission.

How does a church get started or enhance its senior adult ministry? Here are a few suggestions:

1. Begin by identifying those adults 55 years and above (1) in your own congregation, and (2) in your community. Develop a profile of both groups, which includes "Age Groupings," "Needs," "Interest," "Family Status," "Marital Status," "Mobility and Physical Conditions," "Skills, Interests, Hobbies, etc."

2. Plan a 3-month trial program for seniors to assess interest, participation, and possibilities.<sup>6</sup> An effective seniors program will provide growth and development in the following areas:

- a. *Ministry.* The challenge and opportunity of giving time, insights, experience, energy for the benefit of others.
- b. *Spiritual Growth.* Continuing to walk in the Christian life and faith.
- c. *Evangelistic outreach.* Sharing one's faith with non-churched friends, relatives, and associates.
- d. *Small group involvement.* Building meaningful interpersonal relationships with others in the group.
- e. *Educational development.* Continuing intellectual growth which raises one's self-esteem and contributes to mental health.

- f. *Recreational, social and physical activities.* Visiting interesting places and doing interesting things.

3. Raise the awareness of your entire congregation to the opportunity for ministry and the specific response by your church to those over 55 years. Plan a "Celebration of Seniors" Sunday. Show the new film/video "Live Long and Love It"<sup>7</sup> which challenges the entire congregation to an attitude and lifestyle that will carry them to a rich full life.

4. Begin looking for a full or part-time senior adult pastor. It is my experience that many of our present churches are ill-prepared for strategic leadership and response to the opportunities of the "age wave." While many congregations have youth directors, very few have senior adult directors. Yet, in most churches there are *twice* as many adults over 55 as youth 13-20 years!

There is no question that the decade of the 90s will be critical to the history of the church in America. The church is still not keeping up even with national population growth. Secularism continues to sweep across the nation. The church must gather its full resources for a strategic struggle.

Senior adults are a "field white to harvest." These men and women can be reached and disciplined in significant numbers by most churches. And, as one pastor told us, "It may well be our—and their—last opportunity."

The "Age Wave" is coming. Are you ready for it?

**Dr. Win Arn** is founder and president of *L.I.F.E. International*. L.I.F.E. provides leadership training seminars, congregational consultants, and resource material for churches desiring a growing senior adult ministry. Dr. Arn is also producer of 16 color films, including his newest production: *LIVE LONG AND LOVE IT*.

**Dr. Charles Arn** is editor of *LIFELINE* (a senior adult church leadership letter) and resource designer for senior adult training material.

<sup>1</sup> "Persuasion in Religious Influence." Flavil R. Yeakley, doctoral dissertation, University of Illinois, 1975.

<sup>2</sup> Ken Dychtwald. *Age Wave*. Los Angeles: Jeremy Tarcher, Inc. 1989, p. 209.

<sup>3</sup> Win Arn and Charles Arn. *Who Cares About Love?* Monrovia, CA: Church Growth Press, 1987.

<sup>4</sup> Fred Smith, *Christianity Today*, "The Gift of Greeting." Vol. 29, No. 18, p. 70.

<sup>5</sup> Mark Bergmann. *Engaging the Aging in Ministry*. St. Louis: Concordia, 1981, p. 33.

<sup>6</sup> A "Seniors Ministry Planning Kit" is available from *L.I.F.E. Int'l.* which includes specific steps, sample surveys, forms, schedules, and 40-minute video for starting a senior program in a local church. Cost is \$39.50. Write to: L.I.F.E. Int'l., 2670 South Myrtle Avenue, #201, Monrovia, CA 91016.

<sup>7</sup> Available from most religious film libraries, or from *L.I.F.E. Int'l.*



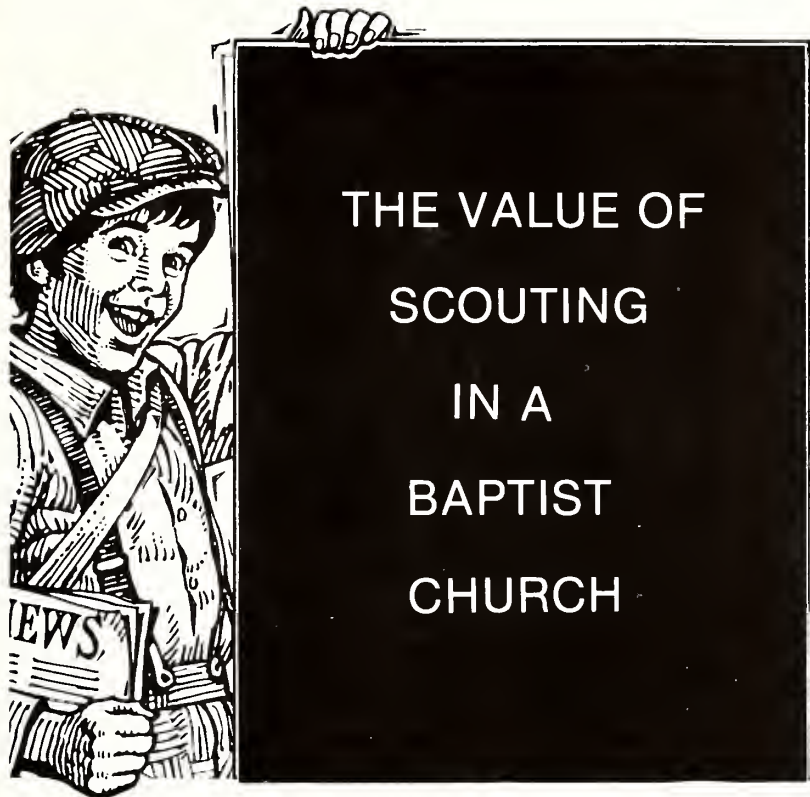


## NATIONAL GOALS FOR EDUCATION

Dr. Thomas Shannon, executive director, National School Boards Association, cited six national goals in education to be achieved by the end of this century. He did this while noting that there are more than 13,350 local school systems across the country, each governed by a school board made up of elected representatives from the community.

- **Goal 1:** *By the year 2000, all children in America will start school ready to learn.* Currently, more than half of the children 3 to 5 years of age are in preprimary programs, but only 27 states give financial support to early childhood education programs. Efforts to achieve this goal include early childhood family education, help for non-English-speaking families, and nutritional education from preschool through grade 12.
- **Goal 2:** *By the year 2000, the high school graduation rate will increase to at least 90 percent.* Currently, 75 percent of 18- and 19-years-olds have completed high school and unemployment rates of high school dropouts are dramatically higher than for graduates. Poverty in the home and children who are left on their own are the two most frequently cited causes of high dropout rates.
- **Goal 3:** *By the year 2000, students will have demonstrated competency in challenging subject matter including English, math, science, history, and geography.* Currently, students at all grade levels have difficulty trying to defend their judgment and interpretations of what they have read. At age 17 nearly half of all students are
- unable to perform even moderately complex mathematical procedures. Only 8 percent of 17-year-olds can integrate specialized scientific information, infer relationships, or draw conclusions. Knowledge of U.S. history and literature was incomplete among more than 30 percent of 11th-grade students.
- **Goal 4:** *By the year 2000, U.S. students will be the first in the world in mathematics and science achievement.* American students performed below the mean in the First International Assessment of Educational Progress in math and science proficiency. Only a few states require the recommended number of credits in math or science to graduate. Increasing the number of states requiring math and science credits, the number of hours spent teaching math and science, and the amount of required homework assigned will help to achieve this goal.
- **Goal 5:** *By the year 2000, every adult American will be literate and possess the knowledge to compete in a global economy.* Currently, one in five U.S. adults are functionally illiterate and cannot use reading, speaking, writing, or computational skills in everyday life situations. Less than 80 percent of 11th-graders have achieved minimal level for persuasive writing or the ability to convince others of a point of view. Efforts will focus on helping students understand specific or sequentially related information and to summarize and explain relatively complicated information.
- **Goal 6:** *By the year 2000, every school in America will be free of drugs and violence and offer a disciplined environment conducive to learning.* Currently, more than half of high school seniors report having used drugs at some time and more than 90 percent have used alcohol. Nearly half of our nation's high school teachers have reported an increase in drug- and alcohol-related violence, as well as incidents of theft and assault. On any given day, 135,000 youth enter schools with guns.





## THE VALUE OF SCOUTING IN A BAPTIST CHURCH

A pastor visited a 15-year-old boy in Dallas who had attempted suicide. The mother of the boy was a very successful executive; the father was a successful diplomat. The boy went to one of the finest schools in Dallas. He had been promised an expensive new car when he turned 16. He had everything going for him, but he sought to take his own life by hanging himself. He did not succeed, but he had injured himself and was in the hospital. The pastor asked why he attempted to take his own life. He said something like this, "I've observed that as people get older, they get empty. I didn't want to be like that, and I couldn't find anything to fill this great big hole in my life."

1. Scouting meets boys at a point of felt need. Scouting provides contact at a level of need which boys themselves feel, rather than one which we impose upon them.
2. Scouting provides a point of contact for boys in the community for Sunday School.
3. Scouting provides a point of contact for boys in the church who need the opportunity to learn skills that will make them well-rounded. Scouting meets a real need for boys in Sunday School. It appeals to them and draws them into Scouting, just as Scouting appeals to boys in the community and draws them towards the church.
4. Scouting provides a point of contact with the parents through Scouting banquets, cookouts with parents, and Scouting nights in church that give us the opportunity of leading parents to know Christ.
5. Scouting provides the church the opportunity to use men in ministry who do not feel capable of

serving elsewhere. Many men who would not even teach young people in Sunday School will work with them as Scouts, and it uses a whole new group of men.

6. Scouting provides a good testimony to the community. That a church gives financial support to a Scout troop says, "We care about community things."
7. Scouting provides the church the opportunity to minister to boys from single-parent homes. Scouting becomes a marvelous tool to meet a need in the life of a boy who may not be living regularly with his father. In our day there are many boys with such needs.
8. Scouting communicates that we are a family-oriented church. This makes a public statement to the community.
9. Scouting teaches young men civic responsibility and responsibility to others. It is one of the few areas in our society where patriotism and responsibility to others are held up and admired.
10. Scouting teaches young boys a system of rewards and consequences. Scouting advancement subtly conveys to boys that there is always a reward for work. It teaches boys to take responsibility and to take consequences for their actions. One of the great needs in the late 20th century is that young people be taught that, though it may be later, **they shall reap what they sow.**

For more information about Scouting, contact the Free Will Baptist Commission on Scouting.

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## **FAMOUS FIRSTS**

Since New Year's Day is the first day of the first month of the year, let's turn our thoughts to some famous "firsts" in the Bible.

1. Who were the first man and woman? (Genesis 2)
2. Where were believers first called Christians? (Acts 11:26)
3. When was the first time it rained? (Genesis 7:4)
4. On what day of the week did Jesus arise from the grave? (John 20:1)
5. Who was the first person to see Jesus after He arose from the grave? (John 20:14)
6. Who was the first king of Israel? (1 Samuel 9:27—10:1)
7. What was the first plague? (Exodus 7:20)
8. What is the first of the Ten Commandments? (Exodus 20:3)
9. Who was the first murderer? (Genesis 4:8)
10. What is the first book in the New Testament?
11. Who was the first Gentile to be saved? (Acts 10:1)
12. Who was the first Christian martyr? (Acts 7:59)
13. Who went with Paul on his first missionary journey? (Acts 13:2)
14. Where did Paul and his friend go on their first missionary journey? (Acts 13:4)
15. What was the first miracle Jesus performed? (John 2:9)



# PREPARING ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATION

The staff at the Free Will Baptist Press is always ready to help you get your news items and articles published. Following are some tips for making the process easier.

1. Typewrite all copy. Use 8½ x 11 inch paper; smaller paper can get lost or misplaced. Do not strike over letters, and make all erasures as neat as possible. Be sure that the typewriter ribbon gives a clear copy.

2. Keep a copy of all material typed. This will avoid the possibility of having to redo the item in case of loss.

3. Indicate the title of the article approximately two inches down from the top of page one. Leave an inch and a half at the top of each succeeding page; and for convenience of editing, please number succeeding pages. Type on one side of page only.

4. Leave a margin of at least an inch on both sides of paper.

5. Never write perpendicularly in the margin.

6. Write no more than one article on a sheet.

7. Do not divide a word between pages. Avoid dividing words between lines as much as possible.

8. Clip pages together, using paper clips. Do not staple pages.

9. Read, reread, and correct your own copy before submitting this. This is most important and will expedite matters greatly toward early publication.

10. If words, phrases, or sentences are of particular importance to the point of needing to be emphasized, indicate such by underlining or underscoring.

11. Observe and practice the proper rules of grammar and punctuation, inasmuch as possible.

12. Prepare your articles and reports as early in advance as possible so as not to delay their publication. It should be noted that all articles for publication should be in no later than thirty days in advance. For example, articles for publication in the March issue should be in the hands of the editor by February 1. (When the first is on Sunday, they should be in the hands of the editor on Monday.) It is most important that everyone observe this. Late copy delays the publication and causes problems on all fronts.

13. Remember that all items to be published should be submitted in typed form. Items should not be phoned in.

14. Churches and pastors wishing to announce their availability should note that this information is run as space permits. It should also be noted that there is absolutely no way anyone but the minister himself can relate his availability. (In the past, churches have tried to make such an announcement for their pastors. You can imagine the problems this causes!)

15. It should always be remembered that the editor makes the final decision as to whether or not something is deemed worthy of printing.

16. Send articles to the following address: Janie Jones Sowers, Editor, Free Will Baptist Press, Box 159, Ayden, NC 28513.





## FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

Sit down and think for a few minutes about your church. What activities do you think others would like to know about? Use the space below to write about your church and its activities. See Page 29 for preparation details. When writing, remember to relate the who, what, where, and when.



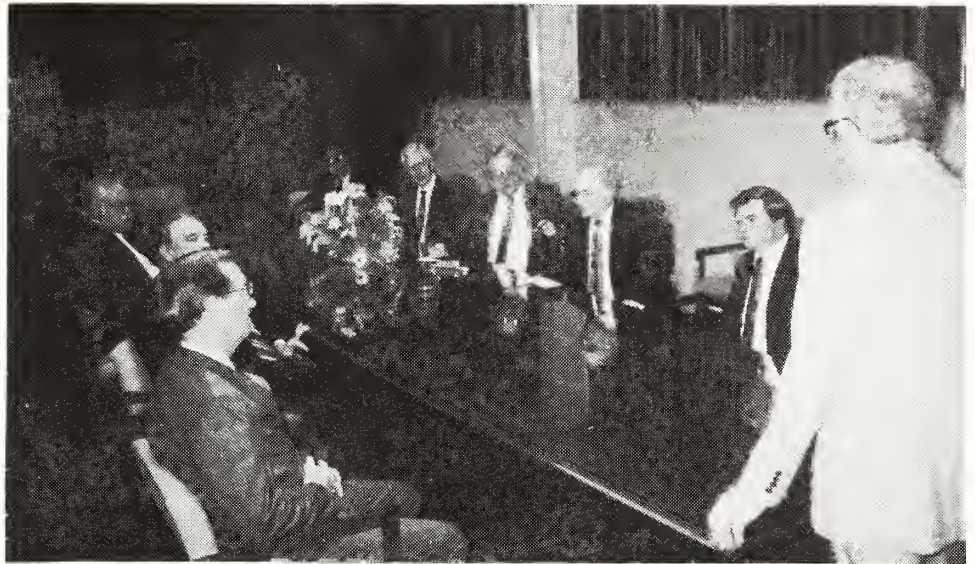
by C. H. Overman, General Secretary

### TRIP TO GENERAL BAPTIST HEADQUARTERS

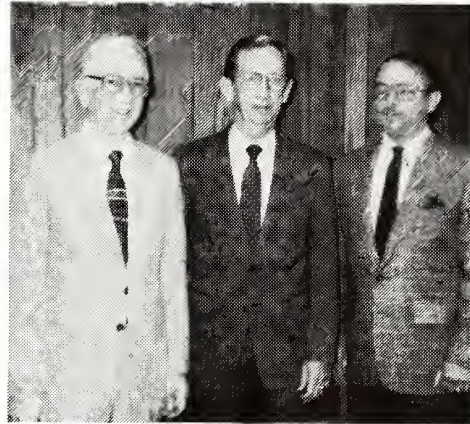
On November 10-15, 1990, it was my privilege, along with five other Free Will Baptist ministers, to travel to Poplar Bluff, Missouri, to the General Baptist Headquarters. Although the primary purpose of the trip was to further coordinate a part of our Home Missions work with that of the General Baptists, it also served as an opportunity to view firsthand the central operation of our sister denomination. Most of our readers know that our denominations have established a "fraternal" relationship with each other and several General Baptist ministers have joined our ranks and there has been some inter-changing of ministers for revivals.

On Tuesday morning, we met for chapel service with the directors and their staffs. It was my honor to bring the devotional message. We were all properly introduced and welcomed and then taken on a tour of their Headquarters facilities, Stinson Press, and the General Baptist Bookstore. I had the opportunity to spend a part of the day with Dr. Glen Spence, executive director, which is the equivalent to our office of General Secretary. Our discussion was a sort of "comparison" of the two promotional offices. At the noon hour, we had lunch together and in the evening we again shared a meal together, which included several of the directors' wives. These General Baptist leaders treated us as "honored" guests, and we shared a day of true Christian fellowship and brotherhood.

The other ministers who made the trip were the Revs. David C. Hansley (who planned the trip), Bruce Dudley, De Wayne Eakes, A. Graham Lane, and James Owens (whose van we rode in, which was a comfortable method



Dr. Glen Spence reviews the day's activities for our ministers and the General Baptist directors.



Pictured is Dr. Glen Spence, General Baptist Executive Director; the Rev. C. H. Overman, our Convention's General Secretary; the Rev. De Wayne Eakes, past president of our Convention.

of travel). We spent two nights at Cragmont, one on the way and another on the return. We are thankful for the safety on the trip and especially for the great time of fellowship shared during the many hours of travel.

### MEETING WITH MINISTRY DIRECTORS

On November 19, 1990, our Convention president, the Rev. Scott Sowers; the Convention treasurer, the Rev. Leon Harris; and myself, met with the ministry directors and board chairmen to review the work of the promotional office and to discuss the



The Rev. Bruce Dudley, chairman of Home Missions and Evangelism Board, is greeted by Dr. Craig Shull.

future coordinating of our ministries' work, especially as it relates to reporting at our conferences. It was felt that the ministries slide program, which was presented at the spring auxiliary conventions, was well received and quite successful; therefore, it was decided to prepare another similar program to be presented at next fall's conferences and auxiliary conventions, providing, of course, that each conference chooses to use it. The ministry directors will still be present to make any announcements or to make any additional

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comments. It is our plan to discuss this with our conference moderators and the district auxiliary presidents.

During the next year, we also plan to prepare a ministries bulletin, which will be available for use in our conferences and union meetings. The ministries that have been preparing the programs would continue to do so upon the requests of the conferences, etc.

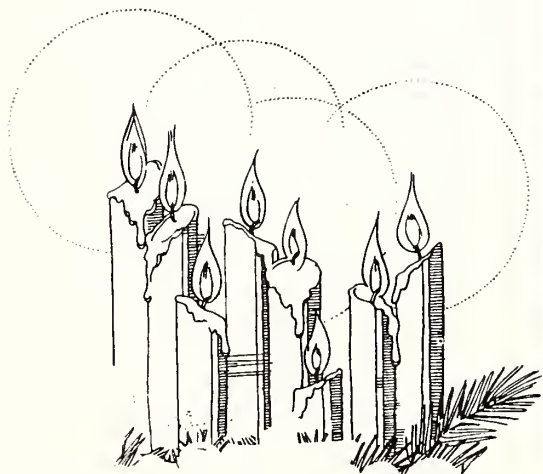
### CONVENTION BULLETINS

We still have several hundred of the Convention bulletin which carries the five-year theme, "Hear the Word of the Lord." These may be ordered from the Headquarters: P.O. Box 39, Ayden, NC 28513.

### A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

As we have entered into a new year, we offer the following poem, entitled, "My Life," as a prayer for this year. The author is not known, but the poem is taken from "Heart Blessings," compiled by Dale Crowley.

This coming year I'd like to be  
a friend to everyone;  
I'd like to feel each day well spent  
at setting of the sun;  
I'd like to be the kind of person  
everyone will love,  
And make this world seem just a bit  
more like Heaven above.  
I'd like in all my dealings, to be  
true and just and fair;  
That God will help me do these things  
shall be my daily prayer.

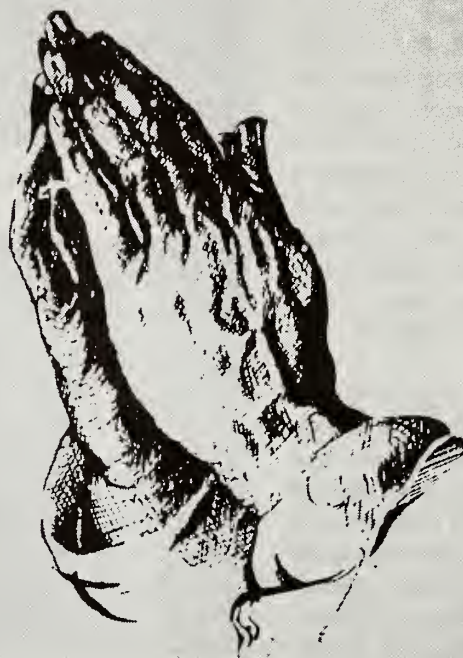


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## AN INVITATION TO PRAY



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**RECEIVES DEGREE**



The Rev. De Wayne Eakes

The Rev. De Wayne Eakes of Lucama, NC, received the Doctor of Ministry degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary during Commencement Exercises on December 15, 1990.

Mr. Eakes is the son of Irene Eakes Evans and Patrick Eakes (deceased) who resides in Goldsboro, NC.

A graduate of Charles B. Aycock High School and Mount Olive and Barton Colleges, Mr. Eakes is married to Carolyn Sullivan Eakes of Pikeville, NC. He serves as pastor of Little Rock Church, located at Lucama, North Carolina.

**A REMINDER TO LEAGUES**

The North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Leagues will meet at Hickory Chapel Church, Route 4, Ahoskie, on Saturday, March 9, 1991.

Local Leagues are encouraged to have a project during the year to raise money for the State League Convention expenses which consist of (1) sponsoring a week at Cragmont, (2) operating expenses, (3) printing of minutes in the *Yearbook*, (4) the state

project—Cragmont, and (5) awards for Sword Drill winners.

Leagues are thus reminded that if they have not had a money-raising project, there is still time before the convention in March. An example of a project Leagues might sponsor is to have a supper—spaghetti, hot dog, or other—before prayer meeting one week.

A highlight of the convention each year is the Sword Drill. Each church may enter two contestants in the Junior Sword Drill (ages 9-11) and two contestants in the Intermediate drill (ages 12-15) with a contribution of at least \$25. It is not too late for contestants to make preparation to enter the contests. Copies of the drills for study may be obtained from Miss Becky Jo Sumner, Route 4, Box 410, Ahoskie, NC 27910.

**LAYMAN'S LEAGUE  
HAPPENINGS**

The Central Conference Layman's League will meet at Free Union Church, Walstonburg, NC, on March 4, 1991. The meeting will start at 7 p.m. with a meal. The business meeting and worship service will begin at 8 p.m. All Layman's Leagues are urged to be represented at this meeting. Enjoy the fellowship and worship together.

The Layman's League Board of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists will meet on March 7, 1991 at 7:30 P.M., at Parker's Bar-B-Que in Wilson.

**UNION MEETING SCHEDULE**

The Cape Fear Union will convene with Shady Grove Church, Route 5, Dunn, NC, Sampson County, March 30, 1991. The scheduled program is as follows:

- 10:00—Hymn, Congregation
- Devotions, the Rev. Gene Britt
- Welcome, Host Church
- Response, Robert's Grove

- 10:20—Enrollment of Officers and Ministers
- Recognition of Visitors
- Reading of the Minutes of the Last Union
- Appointment of Committees
- Roll Call of Churches
- Report of Denominational Enterprises
- Miscellaneous Business
- 11:15—Hymn, Congregation
- Offering and Offertory Prayer
- Special Music, Host Church
- Message, the Rev. Ed Miles; Alternate, the Rev. Kenneth Littleton
- 12:00—Report of Treasurer
- Report of Committees
- Unfinished Business
- Benediction and adjournment

**THANK YOU**

Mrs. E. C. Morris, of 1912 Taylor Street, Durham, NC 27703, wishes to thank all the people of Georgia and North Carolina for their cards, gifts, and prayers during 1990 and the Christmas season. Mrs. Morris is recuperating from a broken elbow. She sends her love and good wishes to each of you for the new year.

**VISITATION SEMINAR  
PLANNED**

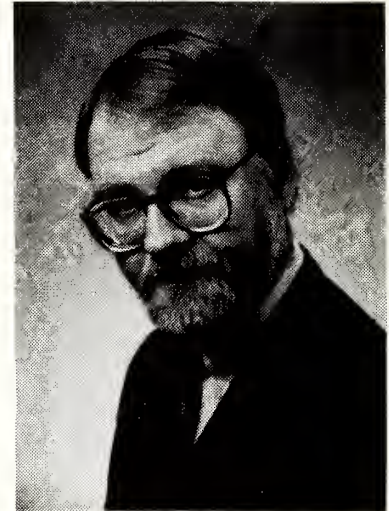
The Cape Fear Conference Board of Education is sponsoring a seminar entitled Invitation Visitation. The Rev. David C. Hansley, Home Missions Executive Director, will conduct the seminar. The first session will be held at First Church, Smithfield, Monday, March 4, 1991, at 7:30 p.m. The second session will be held at Lee's Chapel Church, Route 5, Dunn, March 11, 1991, at 7:30 p.m. The Cape Fear Board of Education would like to see each church in the conference represented.



*The First Annual*  
***Vivian B. Harrison Memorial Lecture***  
***Theme: Preaching for Renewal in the 90's***

*Guest Lecturer:*  
***The Reverend Stephen V. Sprinkle***  
***Pastor, Pleasant Union Christian Church***

***Tuesday, February 26, 9:30 a.m.***  
***Rodgers Chapel***  
***Mount Olive College***  
***Mount Olive, North Carolina***



*Schedule of Events*

Lecture One: "What to Preach for Revival"	9:30 a.m.
Break and Refreshments	10:30 a.m.
Worship Service	
Sermon: "What Do You Do When the Wood Is Wet?"	11:00 a.m.
Luncheon: Olive Room, Downtown Campus (\$5 per person)	12:00 noon
Lecture Two: "How to Preach for Revival"	1:30 p.m.

**About the lecturer . . .**

The Rev. Stephen V. Sprinkle is a graduate of Barton College and Yale Divinity School. He is a candidate for a Ph.D. in Systematic Theology from Duke University. While at Yale, Mr. Sprinkle was awarded the Mersick Prize in Preaching. Dr. William T. Kennedy, professor of Homiletics, called him "one of the three best preachers to graduate from Yale in the last fifteen years."

Mr. Sprinkle is an ordained minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and has served several churches. From 1983-1990, he was assistant professor of Religion and Philosophy at Barton College, where he taught upper division theological and ethics courses. Presently, he is minister to Pleasant Union Christian Church in Newton Grove, North Carolina.

**About the Vivian B. Harrison Lecture . . .**

The Vivian B. Harrison Lecture was established by the Rev. Frank R. Harrison in memory of his wife. The purpose of the lecture is to provide a medium for continuing education for the ministers of eastern North Carolina.

Vivian B. Harrison was a graduate of Mount Olive College and Barton College, where she earned a B.S. degree in elementary education. She taught public school in North Carolina for 17½ years before retiring in 1986 due to illness. She was a member of Spring Branch Church in Greene County and the daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Beamon and the late Mr. Charlie T. Beamon of Walstonburg, North Carolina.

The Rev. Frank Harrison is a graduate of Mount Olive College, Barton College, and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has completed two-years of post-graduate studies in pastoral care and counseling at North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem. Mr. Harrison has served as chaplain at Mount Olive College since 1971 and teaches courses in practical theology.

For additional information, contact Dr. K. David Hines,  
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# Mount Olive College

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December 11, 1990

The Board of Trustees of Mount Olive College  
Mount Olive College  
Mount Olive, N.C. 28365

Greetings Trustees:

I wish to thank you and many others for participating in the launching of the new Mount Olive College Press. The grand Press Inaugural Week began early Monday morning at 7:40 a.m. on the November 26th "Carolina Today" show with Slim Short trying to figure out how to talk with me about the new Press. I decided before going on television that I would lead the interview, and this assertive behavior disconcerted Mr. Short, causing him to chuckle a time or two.

On Tuesday afternoon, November 27th, the Wittes arrived at Dr. Raper's home. A private ceremony took place. I presented Lee Witte with her first copy of Levora while Dorothy Whitley offered me my first copy of Travels With Dr. Pepper. Dr. Raper then presented both Mrs. Witte and me two beautifully framed pieces, one of the book cover of each book; the other of chosen lines from the two premiere books. Lee and I beamed as Patti O'Donoghue clicked photographs.

The Tuesday evening Press Premiere and Pierson Lecture event on November 27th evolved into a grand occasion for the College. History was made, photographed, and videotaped. The new Mount Olive College Press introduced its first two publications before more than 500 people who gathered to celebrate this new adventure for our College.

The unflinching professionalism of Dorothy C. Whitley permeated the occasion. Anthony Hatcher's artistic skills with videotaping and registration records were evident. Irene Patten's energetic and polished leadership with the Mount Olive Singers gave a slice of America to the event. Gary Barefoot's faithful work with the students, the cooperation of the chairpersons of each department at the College, and the participation of other faculty members at the Premiere made the event a collective endeavor. Though Lee Witte and I were in the limelight along with Dr. Raper, Dorothy Whitley, and Nido Qubein, the real work for this extraordinary effort links back to the labor of the printing staff at the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden, of the administrative staff and faculty at Mount Olive College, of the long hours of planning Rose Raper spent with both Dorothy Whitley and others, and of the creativity of Patti O'Donoghue in building the publicity for the entire Inaugural Week.

The Inaugural Press Week continued in whirlwind fashion for the entire week. On November 28th, Wednesday morning at the crisp hour of 8 a.m., Lee Witte and I were in Jack Hankins' plush new WELS radio station in Kinston. Jack said to us before we went on the air, "Ladies, you can talk on the air as long as you're interesting to me." Lee smiled, told Jack that southern men knew how to talk to women, and that did it. We had 50 minutes of radio time. Later that day I learned that Jack Hankins usually never talks to anyone more than 20 minutes. I grinned. For this extravagant radio time, I wish to thank Jack Hankins and WELS.

On Wednesday night of the 28th, both Lee and I read from our books to more than 50 people at the Kinston-Lenoir County Public Library. Dr. Raper introduced the public that night to the concept of the Mount Olive College Press. After the readings, an

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autograph session took place. Dr. Raper, Mrs. Raper, and Cliff Witte all became moneychangers for an evening. For the opportunity to share our two new books with the Kinston public, I wish to thank John Jones, Director of the Neuse Regional Library.

On Thursday morning, November 28th, Dr. Raper struggled out of bed at the unnerving hour of five to escort Lee and Cliff Witte to Channel 9 in Greenville where Lee appeared on "Carolina Today." Once again Anthony Hatcher's videotaping skills were awake so that the event is now in our permanent records of the week. Slim Short had some difficulty adjusting to Lee's flower-covered hat, but he allowed her to read her favorite poem, "Grandpa." For Channel 9's support in allowing us to announce our new Press, I send my thanks to Slim Short.

That night Cliff aided Lee in the readings at the Carteret County Public Library in Beaufort. When Cliff participated in the event in Beaufort, the presentation of Lee's book assumed a new coloring: that of the man behind the woman's words. Cliff's candid stories and personal confessions opened up Lee's poetic language into a spoken dimension of confession: an act of courage. I wish to thank Ann Johnston for her publicity and preparation for the library event in Beaufort.

Friday morning, November 30th, Nancy Gorr taped me on her WBTB radio show, "Arts AM." This radio show aired December 7th at 9:30 a.m. For her time and interest, I wish to thank Nancy Gorr and WBTB.

By Saturday, December 1st, Lee and I were ready to autograph books at Dee Gee's on the Morehead City waterfront. Many people dropped into Dee Gee's to buy books and some of ours were purchased. Foremost at the autograph session was the moment when Lee and I signed our names and date (12/1/90) to the North Carolina writers' white wall. With that symbolic gesture the Mount Olive College Press now has its toes in the waters of the North Carolina Renaissance. We await full Baptist baptism. I thank Ed Voorhees.

On Sunday, December 2nd at Somerset Plantation, Lee read to more than 100 people. From the back porch of the Somerset mansion, Lee stood tall to read her poems. Cliff assisted her. Many of Lee's friends gathered to see the girl who had left home 49 years ago. Lee autographed books, shed a tear, shook hands, and made peace with her childhood. Somerset Plantation on the day of the Christmas opening was the symbolic place for language and life to merge, as if the crossroads of childhood and adulthood split no longer, but blended as the colors of the fall sky at sunset. I thank Dorothy Spruill Redford.

The finale of the Inaugural Press Week occurred at the Mount Tabor Free Will Baptist Church. A country cover-dish feast began the final festivities, and everyone disregarded calories, conscience, and consistency. Dr. Raper eyed my kaleidoscopic plate from time to time, but I decided this event should be appreciated. How could one show appreciation for white corn, collards, barbecue, chicken, pole beans, broccoli casserole, pork, muffins, cakes or pies? In only one way: by eating--robustly.

From the feast of foods to the feast of words we traveled as we shifted from one fellowship hall to another, the sanctuary. Both Lee and Cliff read from Levora. Lee was at home now. Her people heard her. Her heart opened up to them and they welcomed her home. I thank the Mount Tabor Free Will Baptist Church.

Cliff noticed. He said, "I've lived many places, seen many people, but I want to tell you that what I see in your faces, what I feel from your eyes, and what I sense from your land, you are happy, blessed people. I don't see many people like you in Los Angeles."



The Mount Olive College Press has been launched. A publishing process has been established wherein faculty members may, if they desire, assist in editorial committees. I wish to thank the two editorial committees for the first two books. Dr. Sarah V. Clere, Dorothy C. Whitley, Carol Andrews Southerland and Verna H. McLawhorn assisted me with editing Lee Witte's Levora. Dr. Sarah V. Clere, Kenneth W. Dilda, Dorothy C. Whitley, Mary Belle Campbell, Carol Andrews Southerland, and Verna H. McLawhorn worked with Travels With Dr. Pepper. I wish to extend my deepest gratitude to all of these professionals who gave their time and energy to a new project. I also wish to thank Nancy Costa for her editorial suggestions.

Ahead for the Mount Olive College Press are three crucial issues: (1) financing, (2) marketing, and (3) manuscript potential. For the leadership and assistance ahead in these areas, I say thank you to those who have not yet volunteered but in good faith will.

Nothing meaningful happens in this universe without two startling realities blending in some harmony: the reality that we are ultimately alone with our own limitations, gifts, and experience of the presence of a Divine Spirit; and the reality that we are ultimately connected with our own limitations, gifts, and experience of the presence of a Divine Spirit.

If the Mount Olive College Press is of value, the Press will survive. I personally in this lingering letter wish to thank every human being who lent a hand to plant the first seeds for the new Mount Olive College Press.

Sincerely,

*Pepper Worthington*

Dr. Pepper Worthington, Editor  
Mount Olive College Press

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## **PAM SWINSON VIVERETTE: COMBINING ACADEMICS AND THE WORKING WORLD IN MOC'S PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE**

*by Patti O'Donoghue  
MOC Director of Public Information*

Perhaps you have received an invitation to the Mount Olive College Press Premiere. Or noticed the beautifully designed "Messiah" flyer in *The Free Will Baptist*. Or read the latest edition of the MOC Newsletter.

Perhaps you have enjoyed following the news of Mount Olive College via photographs in your local newspaper. Or in the Newsletter. Or in *The Free Will Baptist*.

If so, you've seen many of the outstanding contributions Pam Swinson Viverette makes to MOC's Public Information Office. The 1987 Beddingfield High School graduate works two days a week in the "PR" office as a part-time employee. She is the director's "strong right arm," helping to pump out MOC's flow of news.

This talented college senior successfully combines her academic studies with the world of work. Desktop publishing and darkroom skills learned in the classroom are honed to perfection by numerous challenging PR assignments—usually with deadlines.

"I've always wanted to work in the PR office. It is at the heart of everything that goes on at the College," Mrs. Viverette says. "At first I thought I'd like to be a director, but now I realize the behind-the-scenes work is just as important as the up-front work. I like being involved more in the internal things of the College."

Mrs. Viverette produces "camera ready copy" for almost every publication that comes from MOC. She enjoys creating at the computer and finds it helps with her college work.

"It is kind of locked together, the brochures, the flyers, the Newsletter, and class work," she says. "I'm constantly learning, so

that when I go to do my college papers, I can use what I've learned from working in the PR office. As Mr. Lean says, 'The more you tap your well of information, the more it gives.' " Lean is Mrs. Viverette's photography teacher and a professor of art in the visual communication program of MOC's Department of Fine Arts.

She also processes the film and produces the photographs that appear in various publications. Working in the darkroom, she notes, gives her time to think and allows her to use her creativity in another dimension.

"I'd rather work in the darkroom than take the pictures," says Mrs. Viverette. "It's satisfying, knowing that I'm actually responsible for the images coming out on paper. It's kind of magic. And if I can't attend an event, I get to see what went on because of the pictures."

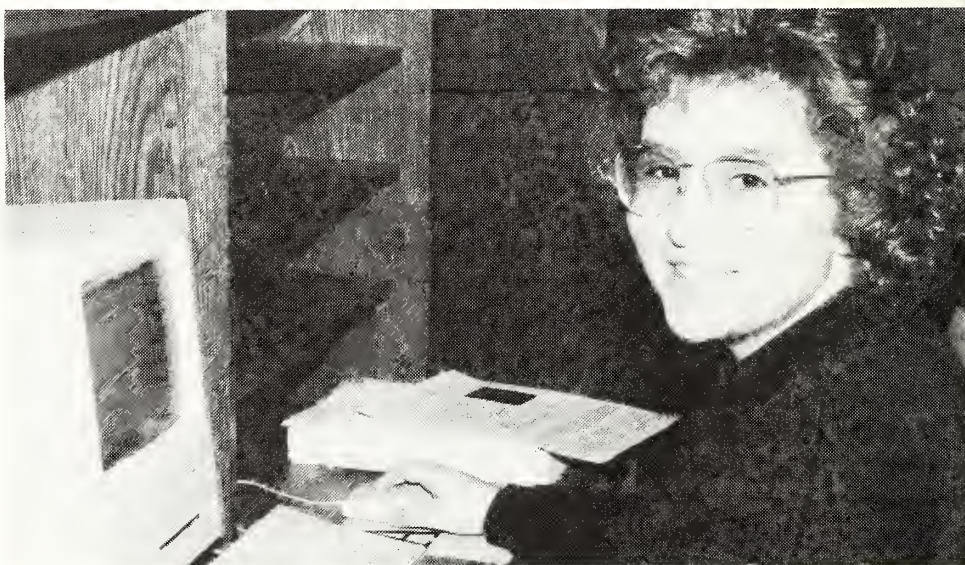
Some of her favorite classes at Mount Olive are literature, composition, technical writing, and

desktop publishing, all taken with Elizabeth Braswell. Ms. Braswell, professor of English and chairman of the Department of Languages and Literature, has utilized Mrs. Viverette's talents.

"I did desktop publishing last summer through an internship for the Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh," says Mrs. Viverette. "With that experience, sometimes I am more of a helper than a student in the desktop publishing class."

She takes her PR assignments and moves with them. "I'm given the freedom to try my own ideas," she says. "Sometimes an idea works perfectly; sometimes it's terrible, and I have to start all over again. But I think that strengthens me," she emphasizes.

The daughter of the Rev. Harold and Elaine Swinson of Wilson, where her father is pastor of Harmony Church. Mrs. Viverette laughs when asked why she chose to attend Mount Olive College.



Pam Swinson Viverette begins working on a flyer for Mount Olive College's Religion Department. Mrs. Viverette, an English major and a part-time employee with the College "PR" office, helps pump out the news of MOC with her desktop publishing skills.





Mrs. Viverette receives some good advice from her photography instructor, Larry Lean. This talented senior works in the College darkroom to produce most of the MOC photographs that appear in publications throughout eastern North Carolina (photos by Patti O'Donoghue).

"It's the only place I applied," she says. "Daddy came here, and I have been involved in the church dinners long before I knew what was going on. It was a natural place for me to come. Besides, I wanted to attend a small college where people know each other and the teachers really care about you," she adds.

Mrs. Viverette and her sister, Melanie Swinson, a student at Hunt High School, are continuing the family "tradition." Miss Swinson has been accepted as an incoming freshman for fall 1991.

An English major, Mrs. Viverette has been named to the National Dean's List and *Who's Who Among American College Students*. She has also played an active role in church leadership throughout her life, having served as a Sunday School teacher, president of YFA, secretary of Young Adult Sunday School, choir member, piano player, and reporter and photographer.

She is the granddaughter of the Rev. Luther and Peanie Swinson of Plymouth. Her grandfather is

the pastor of First Church, Plymouth.

Married to Sergeant Roy Viverette of Burlington, a jet engine mechanic at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, Mrs. Viverette and her husband live in Goldsboro.

#### **FREE WILL BAPTIST STUDENTS NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST**

Fifteen Free Will Baptist students have been named to the Mount Olive College Dean's List for the 1990 Fall Semester. The Dean's List is published to honor students who attain high scholastic standing. To qualify, a student must be attending on a full-time basis (12 semester hours or more) and must achieve a quality point average of 3.5 or higher with no grade lower than a "C" for the semester just ended.

Free Will Baptists named to the Dean's List include Mark W. Bogle, son of James and Martha Bogle of Clayton, Trinity Church; Donald R. Cobb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Cobb of Mount

Olive, Dilda's Grove Church; Kathryn J. Croom, daughter of Herman and Leigh Croom of Pikeville, Pleasant Grove Church; and Jeffrey G. Herring, son of Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Herring of Kinston, White Oak Grove Church.

Also named are Dean L. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd W. Jones Jr of Roper, Mount Zion Church; Stephen M. Prescott, son of Carol G. Prescott of Pamlico County and the late Matthew Prescott, Rock of Zion Church; Andrew J. Silverthorne, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Silverthorne of Merritt, Bethel Church; Lenwood E. Smith II of New Bern, St. Mary's Church; Sylvia A. Suggs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Suggs of Whiteville, Macedonia Church; and Linda M. Taylor, daughter of Wilbur and Linda Taylor of La Grange, White Oak Grove Church.

Others named to the List are Wendy G. Taylor of Bailey, Rock Springs Church; Sharon K. Trivette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Trivette of Goldsboro, Stoney Creek Church; Dirk J. van der Plas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willem van der Plas of Mount Olive, Arapahoe Church; Tina Wetherington, daughter of Harper and Lois Wetherington of Dover, Mosley's Creek Church; and Michael B. Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Williams of Mount Olive, Daley's Chapel Church.

#### **FREE WILL BAPTIST STUDENTS NAMED TO PRESIDENT'S LIST**

Six Free Will Baptist students have been named to the Mount Olive College President's List for the 1990 Fall Semester. The President's List is published to honor students who attain the highest possible academic standing. To qualify, students must be attending MOC on a full-time basis (12 semester hours or more) and must achieve a quality grade

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point average of 4.0 for the semester just ended.

Those students named to the President's List are Marian S. Gainey of Clinton, Rooty Branch Church; Mary Dalen Herring of Kinston, Harrells Chapel Church; Sherrie G. Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Martin Jr. of Dunn; Shady Grove Church; Tanya J. Merritt, daughter of Jimmie and Janie Merritt of Mount Olive, Northeast Church; Velvet Reynolds, daughter of Royce and Fledie Reynolds of Columbia, Sound Side Church; and Rita J. Williams of Pikeville, Stoney Creek Church.

### MOC TEACHER AWARD NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

"Alumni, faculty, and students of Mount Olive College are invited to submit their nominations for a Teacher of the Year Award," said Dr. Michael Pelt, chairman of the Religion and Philosophy Department. Dr. Pelt and English Professor Nancy Costa are co-chairs of MOC's Excellence in Teaching Committee.

"We want to give alumni the opportunity to participate in the nomination process. We feel alumni, including recent graduates, may want to give recognition to professors who have made an impact on their lives," Dr. Pelt said.

"The purpose of this award," he emphasized, "is to honor and recognize the contributions of a faculty member to the lives and careers of students, present and former."

The award will be presented during graduation exercises on Saturday, May 11, and will include a monetary gift. Nominees will be judged on the basis on their teaching effectiveness, professional activities, contributions to the College, civic responsibility and character.

"We ask that nominations be submitted no later than March 15. We are planning to include alumni

among our panel of judges," Dr. Pelt said.

For further information and nomination forms, contact Dr. Pelt or Ms. Costa at Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina, 28365. Telephone (919) 658-2502.

### MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE DEDICATES 50,000th VOLUME IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Christmas had come early to Moyer Library on Sunday, December 9. The scent of spicy hot punch greeted visitors. Red poinsettias splashed touches of color among the bookshelves, and long red candles graced silver candleholders. With the afternoon sun shining through the windows, the Library sparkled like a beautifully decorated tree.

"MOC-50,000," written with green icing on squares of white cake, proclaimed the message—Mount Olive College had added its 50,000th volume to the Library collection.

And there were gifts. Librarian Gary Barefoot officially presented the historic gift, *Fleta Minor. The Laws of Art and Nature, in Knowing Judging,*

*Assaying, Fining, Refining and Inlarging the Bodies Confin'd Metals . . .*, second edition, London: Stephen Bateman, 1686, written by Sir John Pettus. The book was a gift of alumnus Emmette Wrenn of Oxford, North Carolina, and his family.

Charter Library Patrons received their "gifts" of official certificates, recognizing their role in the progress of the Library. The over 100 friends of MOC who joined in the celebration received commemorative programs and bookmarks, original designs to mark the occasion.

"A piece of paper seems such a little way of rewarding you," said Barefoot of the Library Patrons, "but your real reward is the assurance that the gifts you have made will stimulate and enrich the minds of students for years and years to come."

The librarian noted that because of the Charter Library Patrons and other friends, the College had reached the goal of 50,000 volumes. The College was also able to increase its services to students and staff. He named additions to the Library—



Librarian Gary Barefoot's family joined him for the celebration. Pictured, from left, Barefoot; his sister, Mary Lynn Honeycutt; and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Williard (Sam) Barefoot—members of Robert's Grove Church, Sampson County.





The librarian greets Betty and George Harrison of Hull Road Church.

computer equipment, audio/visual materials, periodicals, microfilm, among others.

"We express our deepest gratitude to you," he said. "You are the reason we achieved our goal and why we celebrate here today. There are still other goals to attain, but with your continued support, we are confident we will reach those as well," Barefoot emphasized.

And there was a surprise. President W. Burkette Raper conspired with the Library staff to present a beautiful tray to Barefoot, recognizing his 25 years of service to MOC. Dr. Raper noted that Pam Wood, assistant librarian; Annie Albertson, technical assistant; and Polly Warning, part-time library employee, did well arranging the presentation so that Barefoot wouldn't find out.



Lillian Heath, Core Creek Church; and Mildred Jenkins and Margaret Carol Banks, Friendship Church, Jones County, look over their programs.





Surprise! President Raper presents Barefoot with a gift in recognition of the librarian's 25 years of dedicated service to Mount Olive College (previous photos by Patti O'Donoghue).



Mildred Council, MOC's first full-time librarian, shares a special moment with Barefoot following the presentation of the 50,000th volume to the library collection. They are holding the historic book, a rare volume dating from 1686 and a gift of the Emmette Wrenn family of Oxford, North Carolina (photo courtesy Dennis Matthis, *MOUNT OLIVE TRIBUNE*).



Members of Hickory Chapel Church, from left, Donald Parks, Sara Willoughby, Billy Wayne Dilday, Ann Dilday, and Becky Sumner visit with MOC President W. Burkette Raper, right.

And there was music. Many of those attending the library celebration moved on to the First Baptist Church in Mount Olive for the afternoon performance of "Messiah." Sponsored annually

by the Mount Olive College Department of Fine Arts, the "Messiah" chorus added a crowning touch to the historic day's wealth of Christmas spirit.

### **MOC PRESIDENT MAKES YEAR-END REPORT**

Mount Olive College President W. Burkette Raper, in his year-end report to trustees and friends of the College, focused on 1991, listed the "good things" of 1990.

"It was not an easy year," Dr. Raper noted of 1990 in his report, "but some of the most significant steps in the history of the College occurred. The New Year," he said, "will be one of great challenge and opportunity."

Among the priorities for 1991:

The preparation of a long-range plan that will include future educational goals and strategies for resource development: The College is at the \$5 million mark of the \$10 million "Road to Excellence" campaign, and it is vital that the campaign be completed with an additional \$5 million in gifts and pledges during 1991.

The appropriate celebration of the 40th anniversary of the chartering of Mount Olive College (November 27, 1951).

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The developing of a creative and comprehensive program of scholarship and other forms of financial aid.

The construction of a dining facility on the main campus: MOC has received a \$500,000 challenge gift/pledge for this project, and the College must move promptly to put together the remaining \$1.3 million to complete the building.

The standards maintained for continued accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools: This spring the College is scheduled for its five-year re-evaluation.

### **Good things at Mount Olive College during 1990**

Dr. Raper listed many of the accomplishments of the past year. "We are grateful," he said, "to our many friends who helped to make possible the significant progress noted below."

1. *Inauguration of Project EAST:*

The establishing of Mount Olive as a regional institution of higher education in eastern North Carolina.

2. *Addition of Volume 50,000 to the Library.*

3. *Road to Excellence Campaign:* Gifts and pledges during 1990 have exceeded \$3 million bringing the campaign total to more than \$4.9 million by mid-December. Our goal is \$5 million by year's end.

4. *Awarding of 155 Degrees:* The largest class in the history of the College (116 Baccalaureate and 39 Associate).

5. *Endowment Matching Grant of \$434,422 plus matching gifts:* Total College endowment is now approximately \$5 million.

6. *Addition of two curriculum majors:* Desktop Publishing and Computer Information Systems.

7. *Beginning the construction of Project EAST Center* (Administration Building which will also include the College Bookstore): Gift of special donors.

8. *Launching of Mount Olive College Press* with publication of first two volumes: *Levora* by Lee Davenport Witte of Los Angeles, California and *Travels With Dr. Pepper* by Dr. Worthington of our own faculty.

9. *Challenge Gift/Pledge of \$500,000* toward construction of new dining facility on main campus. Our goal is to seek the additional support required for

construction to begin by end of 1991. Projected cost: approximately \$1.8 million.

10. Planning that will lead to *International Studies Center and Study Abroad Program*.

11. *Institutional Self-Study* for Southern Association of Colleges and Schools preparatory for re-evaluation for accreditation

in 1991.

12. *Strategic Planning Workshop* for development of future institutional goals.

"We do not anticipate that 1991 will be easy for the College," Dr. Raper concluded, "but our mission justifies the energy and cost for continued progress."

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## **THE MISSION OF MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE**

"To establish, maintain and operate a four-year college for the Christian education of men and women.

To maintain an emphasis upon scholarship and Christian living in an academic community made up of persons dedicated to the practice and advancement of Christian ideals in all areas of life." (Charter)

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### **COMING EVENTS AT MOC You are invited**

*Thursday, February 7,* Pianist William Chapman Nyaho, visiting artist, James Sprunt Community College, 8 p.m., Downtown Campus.

*Saturday, February 9,* Study Commission: How Mount Olive College Can Best Serve Free Will Baptists, Mount Olive College campus. Individuals interested in receiving additional information may contact Dr. K. David Hines, director of Education for Christian Ministries, (919) 658-2502.

*Saturday, February 16,* The Tactical Air Command Jazz Ensemble in Concert, 7:30 p.m., College Hall (tickets are free and may be obtained by contacting the MOC Advancement Office, [919] 658-2502, or the *Goldsboro News Argus*, [919] 778-2211).

*Tuesday, February 26,* First Annual Vivian B. Harrison Memorial Lecture, "Preaching for Renewal in the 90s," the Rev. Steven V. Sprinkle, speaker, beginning at 9:30 a.m., Rodgers Chapel. For schedule of events, contact Dr. K. David Hines, director of Education for Christian Ministries, (919) 658-2502.

For more information, contact Patti O'Donoghue, MOC director of Public Information, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365. Telephone (919) 658-2502.

### **A TRUE CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE AT THE CHILDREN'S HOME**

Christmas is a special time of year—especially for children. And for the children at the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, the Christmas season is one of the highlights of the year.

Many generous friends helped us provide gifts for our children by becoming "Christmas Sponsors." This program brings so much joy to our children! To our "Christmas Sponsors" and to the many friends who gave Christmas gifts to the Children's Home, our children send a great big "Thank You!" Because of your love for children, our children experienced the true meaning of Christmas.

### **MRS. REBECCA E. DAVENPORT HONORED**

The evening of November 8, 1990, was very emotional on the campus of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home. Board of Directors President Mrs. Rebecca Davenport completed twenty years of service on the Board.

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The evening began with a dinner honoring Mrs. Davenport and her husband, Mr. Elwood C. Davenport. Mr. Davenport has attended almost as many Board meetings as his wife. He was presented a plaque of appreciation by Bobby R. Taylor, executive director, from the Board of Directors.

The children sang a song in honor of Mrs. Davenport and Eugene presented her with a scrapbook full of memories.

Vice President James W. Cahoon presented Mrs. Davenport with a gavel and plaque of appreciation from the Board of Directors.

Mrs. Rebecca E. Davenport began serving on the Board of Directors in 1969 and served through 1977. After a year off, she served from 1978 through 1990. During those twenty years, she served four years as vice president and eight years as president.

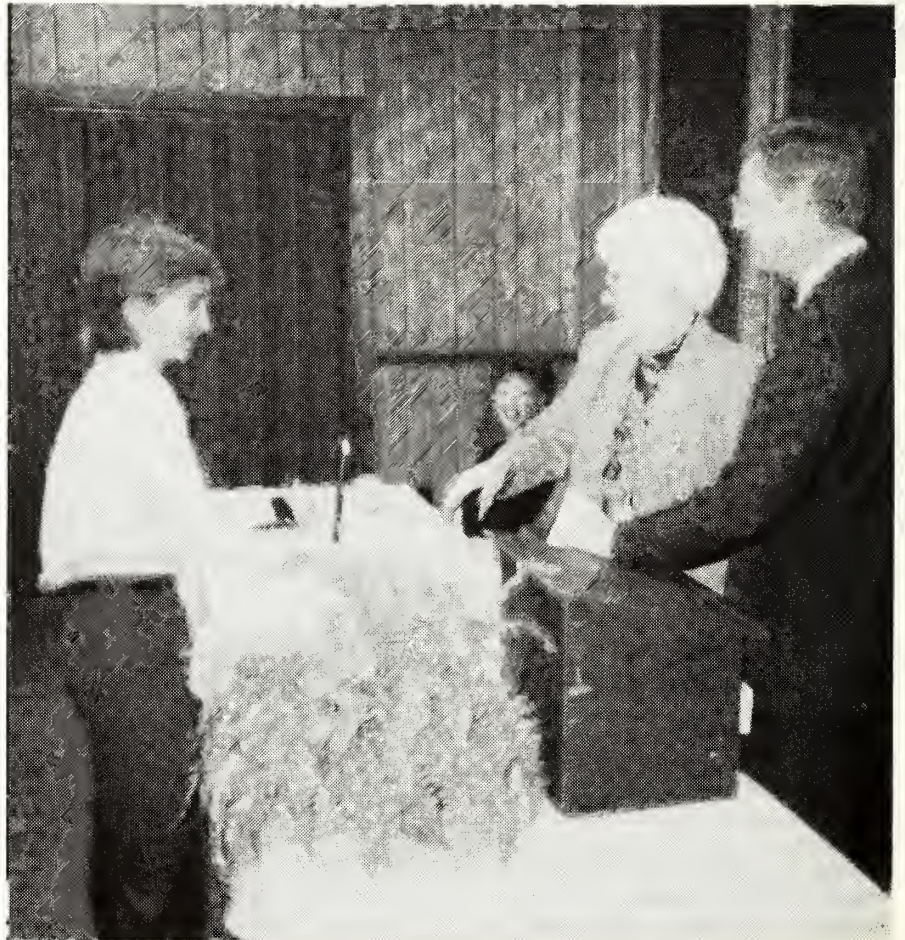
Mrs. Davenport was not eligible for re-election to the Board as the Constitution of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home limits those

serving on the Board of Directors to three consecutive four-year terms.

Because Mrs. Davenport is no longer serving on the Board of Directors does not mean she will forget about the Children's Home. She will always be a vital person in this ministry to children.

Mrs. Davenport says her interest in the Home and children began long before 1969. "I've been coming to this Home since I was a girl. I would come with Mama when she came to visit," she said.

Bobby R. Taylor, executive director of the Children's Home, said, "Mrs. Davenport always displays a commitment to children and children's rights. She has provided leadership with a vision of excellence. She believes all children have a right to be loved and a right to grow up in a caring and nurturing environment."







During the Board of Directors meeting later that evening, Vice president James W. Cahoon was elected President of the Board. The other officers elected are as follows: the Rev. Doug Skinner, vice president; Mrs. Elizabeth Brinchek, secretary; and Mr. Franklin P. Vester, assistant secretary.

### **COTTIE BOYD PATRICK LOVED CHILDREN**

Cottie Boyd Patrick was not blessed with children of her own, but that did not stop her from loving children. She proved it during her life and continues loving children even after her death.

Her sisters, Mildred Boyd Leggett and Mary Boyd Sawyer, presented the gift from the estate of Mrs. Patrick to Children's Home Executive Director Bobby R. Taylor, on October 27, 1990.

Mrs. Patrick was a member of Shiloh Church, in Beaufort County, for many years.

Mrs. Patrick's earthly life ended on December 29, 1989, but her love for children will continue for always. Mrs. Patrick is only one of many concerned individuals who has chosen to provide for future needs of children



Left to right: Mary Boyd Sawyer, Bobby Taylor, Mildred Boyd Leggett and Jay T. Leggett.

at the Free Will Baptist Children's Home through a bequest. If you would like to continue your support for years beyond your lifetime, you may also want to consider remembering our children in your will.

Jeff Daughtry, director of church and public relations, is available to help you plan your wishes for your will and he can also tell you how your gift will be used to help children who will turn to us in future years. You may call (919) 235-2161; or write Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Post Office Box 249, Middlesex, North Carolina 27557.

### **OUR CHURCH CONVENTION 1990**

*by Dr. E. M. Lall*

The historic session of our church convention 1990, followed by the church's 15th anniversary celebration of our church organization in India, started with great zeal and enthusiasm on the evening of November 6, 1990. It is a time that people of our church keep looking for the whole year. It has been a practice of our church to hold this vast gathering once a year, from the very inception of our church in India.

One minister and one deacon from each of the congregations, accompanied with two delegates, attend the convention officially, besides visitors from some of the churches. Many significant issues

are dealt with in the convention pertaining to the past, present and the future of the church, besides evaluating the work at large and the prime need for the future.

At this time, we had 93 ministers, deacons and delegates from respective circuits. There were also about 40 to 50 local visitors who attended the convention.

In spite of our efforts months ahead, we could not find accommodations at the Sat Tal Ashram like the previous years and there was no other place available to keep our delegates at one place. Arrangements were made at different places for their lodging, even in the hotels, but all of us gathered at the Christ Church campus before 7:30 in the morning to start with our program. We

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also had to accommodate some people in the church rooms who were old and were unable to move quickly to the city and back. In fact, there is a need to have a place of our meeting venues and surely the Lord will provide some day.

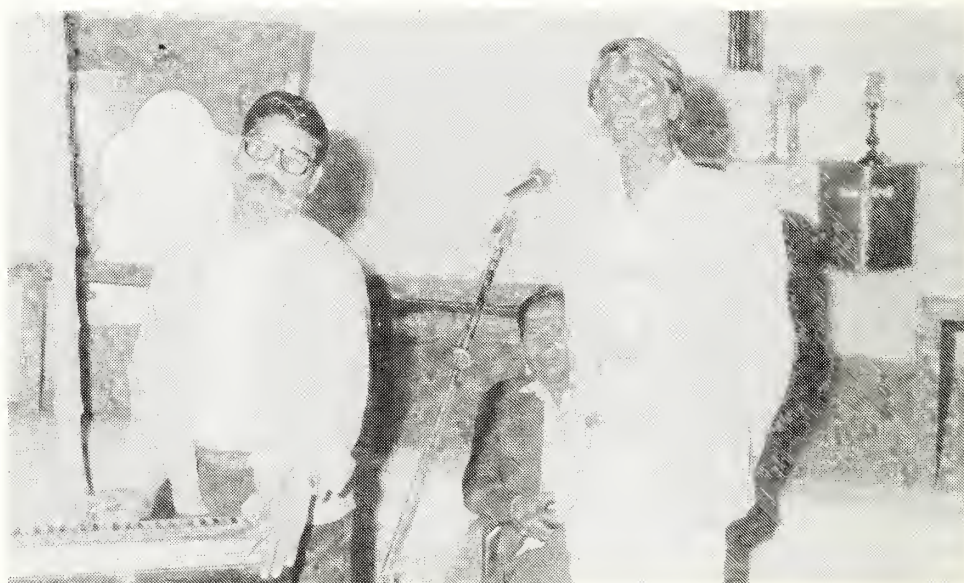
The entire program was excellent for the uplift of spiritual growth of our people, the spirit of oneness, and the concern of the cause of Christ through our church denomination. All arrangements were adequate and the teachers did their best to renew the thoughts and study of our ministers.

The talent program was interesting to all the participants and many people were rewarded for playing their part so well.

While hearing reports from each of the circuits we have so far established, we were all convinced that the Spirit of our Lord is moving upon our work and is guiding us to be more effective in giving the good news to all who have not yet heard of Him. The last day was marked with a campfire service, wherein most of the participants made solemn promises before God to live a real Christian life, much better than the last year, and will serve the Lord Jesus Christ with great might and vigor in these days when His presence is so desperately needed in our country.

Nevertheless, all this would not have been possible without the help of our Board of Foreign Missions who works as an equal partner in this venture. We know that many things we do would not be possible for us alone and they become possible only through the help and prayers of our Board. The Rev. and Mrs. Harold Jones were remembered in all these days by many of us. We realized that though they were not with us this time, they were praying for our convention to be real spiritual, as it was.

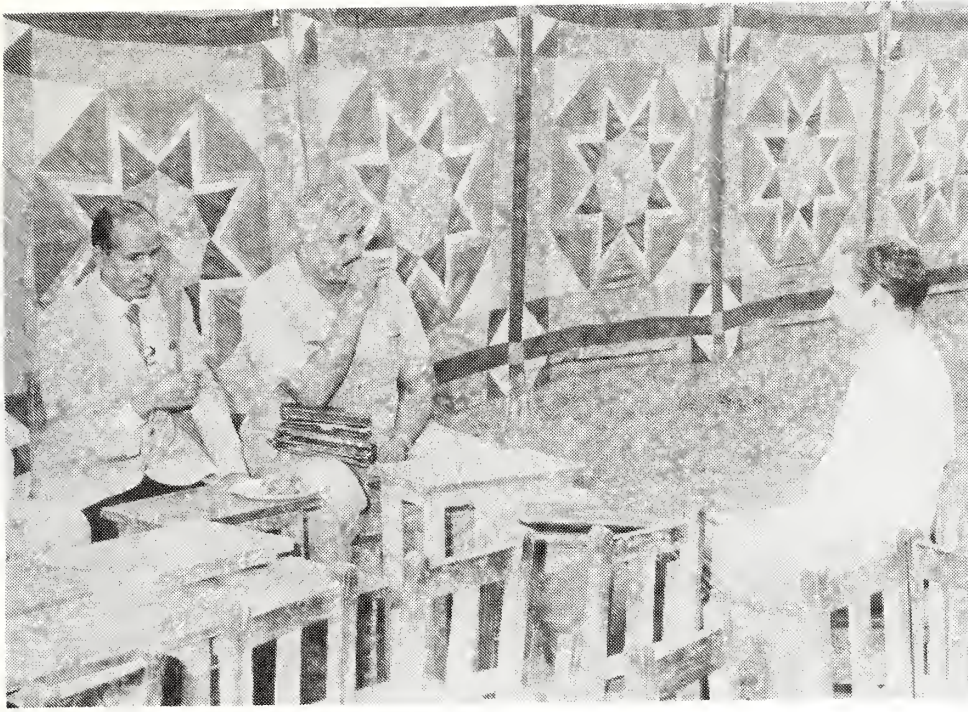
We have been facing a crucial time in our country for the last



Scenes from the Free Will Baptist Church Convention in India.

- (1) Dr. Lal teaching the history of the Church. (2) Mealtime—pastors, deacons and delegates.
- (3) Special music. (4) Tea Time—a part of Indian culture.





two months, paralyzing the normal life, due to civil disturbances for some thing or the other. Because of this, many towns and cities were curfew-bound and people (from cities like Moradabad, Rampur, Meerut and Saharanpur districts) could not attend the convention. We were not very hopeful that the convention would be a success, because of insecurity in almost all spheres of life. However, to our pleasure, the gathering was good and those who came took the risk in moving back and forth, leaving their families behind for all these days.

As I submit this report, I earnestly covet your prayers for our work, that our country be blessed, and the evils removed as early as possible.

### **OUR CHURCH CHOIRS**

*by Dr. E. M. Lall*

As we speak about our church choirs in all our churches, it gives us immense pleasure for this great gift of God. There was a time in the past years when we did not have effective choirs in our churches; and at times we felt pessimistic as to whether we would ever have them. However, as we believe that God works in a

wonderful way, He produced people in our churches who made this need fulfilled.

Our church choir at Bareilly is becoming well known under the leadership of the Rev. Kiran Masih. In all the churches and at various functions, our church choir is invited and receives full recognition.

A gospel music festival was celebrated at Bareilly on October 19, 1990, in which our choir placed first. It is indeed a blessing to our church and we thank the Lord for it.

Our church in India is growing very rapidly and we pray that we have avenues to bring the lost souls in the fold to our Lord Jesus Christ, achieving the great purpose behind our ministry. Sometimes it seems strange as how the Lord works within His people and gives them vision for new things. Our church in India is not the church it was one decade ago and it certainly is second to none in the country.





**MARK THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR**

**MARCH 15, 1991**



**Annual World Missions Conference  
sponsored by the Board of Foreign Missions**

**Speaker** – Rev. Glenn Sheppard with International Prayer Ministries

**Place** – Unity F.W.B. Church, Wilson, NC

**Time** – 3:00 P.M. Opening Session

4:00 P.M. Second Session

5:00 P.M. Meal Break

7:30 P.M. Mission Rally



# MARCH IS FOREIGN MISSIONS MONTH

FOREIGN MISSIONS TELETHON SUNDAY  
WILL BE  
MARCH 24, 1991  
THEME: PURPOSE

**Telethon Goal 1991:** A total of \$80,000+ in contributions on that Sunday. Please make this a matter of prayer. We can easily reach this goal if every church and individual will give as unto the Lord in obedience to His Great Commission. OUR PURPOSE IS TO TAKE THE GOSPEL TO ALL PEOPLE.

Call in your special offering between 1:30 and 5:30 p.m.

Dial 919-746-4963 or 746-6128.

Your call is vitally important and appreciated.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR REVIVAL  
AND WORLD MISSIONS  
March 24, 1991

Revival comes when God's people pray with a broken heart for a church and a world weakened and wrecked by sin. Please make this day the most significant day in the history of our church.

Let Him enter your heart—your church in fulness.  
His Kingdom is spiritual—full of power and everlasting.

**Prayer Goal 1991:** All churches joining together in united prayer for revival and world missions during the Morning Worship Hour on March 24, 1991.

In prayer, there is power;  
In prayer, there is victory.  
In prayer, He is Lord!

Let's unite today in prayer that will shake the world.



# CHURCH DEVELOPS PRIMARY DEAF MINISTRY

by Jim Pharr



The Rev. Dale Albertson prays for congregation in sign language.

Deafness is usually defined as the inability to hear and understand speech.

Sign language is one of the special systems that help deaf people communicate. In using the sign language, hand signals stand for objects and ideas.

A new church organized primarily to conduct services in sign language for Fayetteville area deaf people is in operation on Orchard Street, off Hope Mills Road in the Hope Mills Area. Named the Victory First Deaf Church, the church's congregation has as its pastor the Rev. Dale Albertson of Wilson, associate director of Deaf Missions for the Original Free Will Baptist denomination.

Sunday School is conducted at the Victory First Church by Marin Bandel at 9:45 a.m. on Sundays. The Rev. Albertson conducts a regular worship service at 11 a.m. on Sundays. The group also has a dinner followed by Bible study

each first and third Wednesday night.

A description of the church's founding and future plans was presented in an interview with Knox Riddle of Route 2, St. Pauls, head deacon and an employee at Fasco Manufacturing Company for 27 years. The interview was interpreted by Carolyn Space, a person who hears and who is taking a sign language course at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

The family of Jackie Webster, attending First Baptist Church on Anderson Street, transferred to Haymount Free Will Baptist Church on Eastwood Avenue, where services for the deaf were stressed.

A group from the Haymount church later decided to form its own church. A building was donated by another church, but a portion of the mortgage still must be paid by the new church.

Services for the deaf, Mr. Riddle said, are similar to those for the hearing, including songs without musical instruments, announcements and a sermon.

One difference, the deacon said, is that messages are not as specific in doctrine as in a regular denominational church.

"Because of communication problems, unless deaf people can read and understand in their own language, they can't understand God's Word," Mr. Riddle said. The church is planning to obtain a Bible in a language designed for deaf people.

"The deaf feel very comfortable making their own decisions," the deacon said. "They want to be sure they run it (the church) themselves," he said. "The church welcomes hearing people, but the services will remain in sign language. Some people may want to come to the church to learn the signs."

Future plans for the church call for encouragement to other people to attend services, now drawing about 25 active members.

Parents having children with impaired hearing are urged to bring them to Sunday School, Mr. Riddle said. "If parents want to learn the sign language, they can learn it in church," he said. "All members there are very willing and encouraging hearing people to learn the language."

The deacon says he sees no difference in the relationship of the deaf to God.

"I think that deaf children can better be shown (by deaf adults) what God is about—about Christ and God—because there isn't a communications problem," Mr. Riddle said.

The deacon said he believes some parents have concern in bringing their children to the church that their "religion"

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might be damaged because they are from a different denomination.

"We only want to teach about God, Christ, gentleness, forgiveness—not about doctrine," Mr. Riddle said.

The deacon cited the need for donations to help pay the church's bills until the congregation becomes stronger. For more information, phone the church office, 425-3690.

#### MINISTER AVAILABLE

Thomas W. Ricks is a licensed minister with five previous years experience as a lay speaker and revivalist. He is presently completing a three-month term as interim pastor of Davis Church, and is also pursuing a degree at Duke University. As of March, Thom will be available for supply and interim pastoral work. He can be reached at 205 Oregon Street, Apt. G, Durham, NC 27706, (919) 684-7289; or at his parents' home, Route 2, Box 317-A, Pink Hill, NC 28572, (919) 298-3936.



#### MINISTER PASSES

The Rev. Boyd L. Shook, 71, a retired Free Will Baptist minister, died Tuesday, January 22, 1991, in Duke Medical Center. Mr. Shook pastored several Free Will Baptist churches throughout North Carolina during his 44 years of ministry. He served on the Western Conference Ministerial Board and the Ordaining Council, and was a mason and land surveyor.

Mr. Shook is survived by his wife, Ruth Henderson Shook; a daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Paul W. Lassiter III of Four Oaks; two brothers, John, of Kenly, and Arthur, of Cross Hill, SC; a sister, Eunice Burch, of Spartenburg, SC; and two granddaughters, Paula and Deedee Lassiter, of Four Oaks.

February 1991

# THANKS

Please accept my sincere thanks for the contributions made by your church. Because Cragmont operates on funds that come from Free Will Baptist churches and individuals, your support is so very important to us. I believe that when churches and individuals make gifts to Cragmont, they are making an investment not only in buildings and land but more importantly in the lives of those who attend conferences and retreats. The time and energy invested in these lives through the conferences and retreats are the real ministry of Cragmont.

I would also like to report to you the status of the Jubilee program. Jubilee has the greatest potential of retiring Cragmont's debt than any other program we have. This can be seen in the 1990 annual payment. Normally we pay a principle of \$14,564, plus the interest. The 1990 payment was made on December 17; and because of the Jubilee program, we paid on principle \$37,646.32. The interest amounted to \$29,361.75, making the total payment \$67,008.07. We almost tripled the amount paid on the principle. We have asked for 400 Jubilee pledges in order to retire this debt by 1996. Currently we have 115 pledges. It is important to achieve this 400 pledge goal by the end of this year so as to be debt free by 1995. Please encourage any group, individuals, families etc. to participate. Remind them that the Jubilee funds must be over and above their normal giving if this program is to work. Thanks again for your support and work for Cragmont.

John Williams  
*Manager*

Funeral services were conducted on Thursday, January 24, in the Parrish Funeral Home Chapel, with Dr. Burkette Raper and Dr. William L. McDonald officiating. Entombment followed in Sunset Memorial Park in Smithfield.

#### EXPRESSES APPRECIATION

Mrs. Rose Bowen, widow of the Rev. C. F. Bowen, was hospitalized in Duke Medical Center for much of the month of December. Her condition was listed as critical. Even though her future medical condition is quite uncertain, Mrs. Bowen wishes to thank God for His abiding presence. She also expresses her appreciation to the many friends, the Auxiliaries, and Sunday School classes which have remembered her during her

sickness and through the holidays. Each prayer, card, and gift is appreciated.

At the time of this writing, Mrs. Bowen is back at home (411 North Lee Street, Ayden, NC 28513) and covets your prayers.

#### FATHER'S EARTHLY LIFE ENDS

Mr. Cleveland O. Jones, 64, of Washington, NC, died Sunday, January 20, 1991. He was the father of Mrs. Janie Jones Sowers, editor at the Free Will Baptist Press. Funeral services were held at Paul Funeral Home, Washington, NC, on Tuesday, January 22.

(See next month's issue for a special tribute.)





## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE 1991

### **MORNING STAR**

April 5-7  
Mrs. Alice Barrow  
Route 2, Box 375  
Snow Hill, NC 28580  
(919) 747-3688

### **JUNE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY**

June 10-15  
Mrs. Alice Barrow  
Route 2, Box 375  
Snow Hill, NC 28580  
(919) 747-3688

### **MINISTER'S CONFERENCE**

June 17-20  
Phillip Boykin  
Route 5, Box 177  
Dunn, NC 28334  
(919) 892-8360

### **CHRISTIAN CADET**

June 24-29  
Gary Bailey  
112 Crosswinds Drive  
Goldsboro, NC 27530  
(919) 735-3916

### **YOUTH FRONTIER (YFA)**

July 1-6  
Scott and Janie Sowers  
Route 1, Box 106-B  
Farmville, NC 27828  
(919) 753-4260

### **YOUTH FRONTIER (AFC)**

July 8-13  
Doug Skinner  
804 Cooper Street  
Winterville, NC 28590  
(919) 756-0520

### **GENERAL YOUTH II**

July 15-20  
Chris Singleton  
Box 162  
Beulaville, NC 28518  
(919) 298-3520

### **GENERAL YOUTH I**

July 22-27  
Bryant Hines  
Box 266  
Cove City, NC 28523  
(919) 633-2683

### **YOUNG PEOPLE'S BIBLE**

July 29—August 3  
James Gurganus  
Route 3, Box 64  
Newport, NC 28570  
(919) 223-5251

### **AUGUST WOMAN'S AUXILIARY**

August 5-10  
Mrs. Alice Barrow  
Route 2, Box 375  
Snow Hill, NC 28580  
(919) 747-3688

### **FALL LIMITED EDITION**

October 14-17  
Cragmont Assembly  
1233 North Fork Road  
Black Mountain, NC 28711  
(704) 669-7677

### **CRAGMONT CLUB I**

October 18-20  
Cragmont Assembly  
1233 North Fork Road  
Black Mountain, NC 28711  
(704) 669-7677

### **CRAGMONT CLUB II**

October 25-27  
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by C. H. Overman, General Secretary

## SECOND CHRISTMAS SEASON OPEN HOUSE

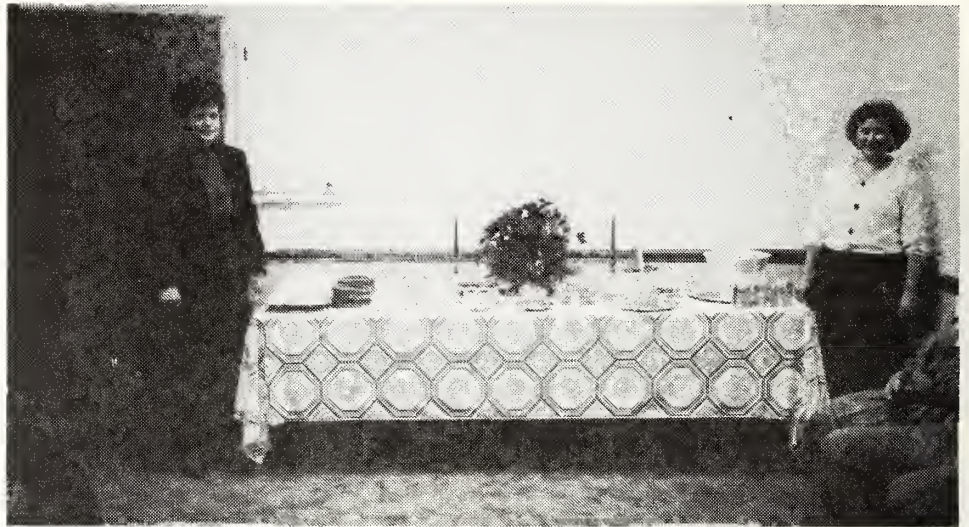
Early in the month of December (1990), the following Christmas greeting and invitation was sent to our ministers:

In appreciation for your support and prayers for our ministries and our promotional office, we wish to invite you, during this most sacred season of the year, to share in a time of fellowship and refreshments with our Ministry Directors at our Original Free Will Baptist Headquarters, Ayden, NC, on Monday afternoon, December 17, from 2-4 o'clock.

Thus, the Original Free Will Baptist Headquarters observed its second Christmas season with a time of fellowship and enjoying the holiday goodies.

The afternoon's activities began at 2 p.m. with devotions by the General Secretary. Then for the next two hours, as others came in and others left, there was a time of sharing in Christian fellowship. One of the main purposes of this open house was to meet with our ministry directors, and join in conversation all within the Headquarters setting.

We express our thanks to all those ministers and wives who came by. Our appreciation is also expressed to those ministry directors who took the time to share their time with their fellow ministers. We also thank all those who made the afternoon possible.



Shown here are Mrs. Ruby Overman and Mrs. Myrtle Cannon who helped to prepare the refreshments and also to set up the beautiful table. Mrs. Cannon is a member of Marlboro Church. Mrs. Overman is the wife of the General Secretary.



Pictured is Mrs. Sandra Jones who serves as receptionist at the Headquarters. (The Christmas season was in evidence.) Mrs. Jones also helped in the serving of the refreshments.



Pictured left to right are: the Rev. T. O. Terry, pastor of Rock of Zion in the Eastern Conference; the Rev. Walter Reynolds, director of Church Finance; the Rev. Walter Sutton, director of Retirement Homes; the Rev. Scott Sowers, president of our Convention and pastor of Marlboro Church in the Central Conference; the Rev. J. B. Narron, pastor of Ayden Church, also in the Central Conference.



## It Has to Come Down!



An after Christmas task is taking down the Christmas tree and putting the decorations away until next Christmas. Pictured is the General Secretary and Mrs. Sandra Jones as they "undecorate."

## THE HEADQUARTERS CONCEPT

So far as I have been able to discern, the need for an Original Free Will Baptist Headquarters has been determined by our people—our lay persons, our ministers, and our minister directors. Our Convention has worked for and strongly supported the Headquarters concept. Its success, however, depends on our response to it and our views concerning it.

The idea of having a central denominational headquarters is a good one. Yet, from time to time, we hear of, and sometimes personally encounter, those who have not heard about our Headquarters. This surprises us, since much publicity has been given to the Headquarters as well as to the office of General Secretary. Let's remember that our Convention more than twenty years ago determined: "The General Secretary shall maintain an office to be recognized as headquarters or home office for the State Convention for the purpose of general public relations within and without our denomination relative to the entire program of the convention" (Article III, Section 4,

Convention Bylaws and Constitution).

We understand, of course, that under our long-established ministry programs (formerly our denomination's Institutions and Enterprises) plans have long been determined for promotion, etc. Certainly it is not our idea to take anything away from that, but rather to enhance the complete promotional effort. If this is to become a clearer reality, then our denomination—its ministers, lay

persons, and ministry directors—must fully accept and cooperatively support the Headquarters concept. Thus, programs and plans that encompass our ministries must focus more concerted on our Headquarters and should by all means involve all our ministry directors in the planning and carrying out of those plans.

Help us spread the word—our Headquarters is here; it is a good concept!



## DESERT SHIELD

Desert Shield, what Desert Shield?

As we are on our plight.

Do we really know who keeps us through the day and night?

He's with us in the rallies and on the highest hill.

He'll always be there, if we are in His will.

He loves us and protects us if we will only pray.

He's with us in the morning and in the nighttime too.

He tells us if we trust in Him, He will see us through.

Now in this time of rumored war, with a far-off land.

Jesus reaches tenderly and takes each by the hand.

Desert Shield, oh, Desert Shield, why was it named that way?

Maybe because God told us it'd be like this one day.

He told us to seek Him, to watch and humbly pray and,

He would lift His hand down, and carry us away.

Desert Shield, oh, Desert Shield, we come to you today,

And thank you for your blessings, and know we'll be okay.

If war shall come or earth shall fall,

We can always rely on a blessed Saviour,

Who waits for us on high.

God bless our country, each man and woman too, and

protect with thy loving care 'till we are safe with you.

By Chris Dwiggins

A member of Haymount Church, Fayetteville, Chris is quite active in the work and ministry of his local church. Chris is a member of the AFC.



# WHY I AM AN ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST

by K. David Hines

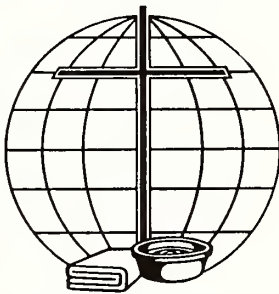
Director of Education for Christian Ministries  
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As Original Free Will Baptists, we are a small part of a large family—the family of God—the Church Universal. In a real sense, we share a common heritage with all those who claim Jesus Christ as Lord. My experience as a student, pastor, and now as teacher has caused me to realize that we Free Will Baptists are closely related to all the various Christian denominations. Still there are distinctives—features of our denomination which make me proud to say that I am a Free Will Baptist. Allow me to share a few of these with you

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*First*, I am a Free Will Baptist because of the **soundness of our doctrine**. Our doctrinal positions have stood the test of time. In fact, if you will examine the major doctrines of other Baptist groups, you will note a decided movement toward positions that we have historically affirmed. Few will now disagree with our historic position that Christ died for all persons. Few will now deny that God created each individual as a free moral agent.

While some would try to argue the validity of a particular theory of biblical inspiration, we have affirmed the **authority** of the Bible. Our position is clear: "We believe that [the Scriptures] are a sufficient and infallibly true rule and guide to salvation and all Christian worship and service" (*The Articles of Faith*, 43). In the Bible we are confronted with the Word of God that transforms all who respond in faith. Ours is not an hypothesis to be argued. Instead, it is an affirmation of faith.

Grounded in Scripture, our doctrine affirms both the sovereignty of God and the responsibility of humans. Theologically, these two concepts must be held in tandem. In spite of human sin, this is still God's world. His grace is still reaching out to all persons. At the same time, we humans are responsible to God for the decisions we make. As I frequently tell my students, "free will" means responsible.





Some folks have the idea that doctrine is not important. I disagree. The way one lives is a reflection of what one believes. As Free Will Baptists, we have sound doctrines, doctrines which should produce Christian life-styles.

*Second*, I am a Free Will Baptist because of the **outreach of our ministries**. Recently we began changing our terminology. What we once called denominational enterprises we now call *ministries*—a good move! Through these ministries, Free Will Baptists are serving around the world. We are reaching the lost in foreign countries. We are planting churches. We are caring for children and the elderly. We are providing fellowship and camping opportunities for youth and adults. We are providing our people an opportunity for a Christian higher education.

Through our cooperation in support of convention ministries, we are expanding the witness of the Free Will Baptist Church. Collectively, we are able to minister in ways that no congregation could do by itself.

*Third*, I am a Free Will Baptist because of the **diversity of our people**. Free Will Baptists are blue collar and white collar. We are farmers, skilled workers, and professionals. We are wealthy and we are a people of modest means. We are diverse. There is no such thing as a "typical" Free Will Baptist; and I am glad this is so.

The one common link, the "tie that binds" us as a denomination, is our common commitment to Jesus Christ. Paul reminds us:

So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord (Ephesians 2:19-21).

Even though I pray daily for the growth of our Church, I trust that the Free Will Baptist Church will always be small in one way. May we always be small enough to know that each person is one for whom Christ died. Each one in our membership is valued.

*Fourth*, I love the Free Will Baptist Church because of the **strength of our polity** (form of church government). There are denominations which boast of their "independence," and others which note their "effective ecclesiastical structures." As Free Will Baptists, we have both. For the most part, each congregation is free to take care of its own internal affairs and plan its own unique ministry. At the same time, each congregation also belongs to a conference which is the "highest ecclesiastical tribunal" (*The Articles of Faith*, 95).

Our unique structure provides a type of safety net for our denomination. For example, since ministers are ordained by the conference, churches calling a pastor can be reasonably confident that the minister has met the standards of the conference to which he belongs. Then if problems should arise, either the church or the minister has an established structure to work through. While no organizational structure is perfect, I feel that our polity offers the best balance between congregational independence and denominational unity.

*Fifth*, I love the Free Will Baptist Church because of the **richness of our heritage**. As the direct descendants of the English General Baptists, our history dates back to the early 1600s. Free Will Baptists have had a continuous history in North Carolina since the early 1700s, pre-dating by fifty years the American Revolution. We are the third oldest religious group in North Carolina, behind the Episcopal Church and the Quakers.

I was reared in a Free Will Baptist Church. In that church I was loved, challenged, and encouraged. I learned our doctrine. I was taught to support our ministries. I spent my summers at Cragmont. I was educated at our College. Today I am proud to say that I am an Original Free Will Baptist.

*Finally*, I am a Free Will Baptist because of the **glorious potential of our future**. The glory days of the Free Will Baptist Church lay just ahead. The God who promises to "make all things new" has greatness in store for us. Allow me to dream just a bit . . .

I dream of Free Will Baptists loving and serving, of churches receiving people regardless of social status or background. I dream of God-called pastors who are prepared to serve—pastors who are models of personal growth and spirituality—pastors who take pride in their work—pastors who are dynamic preachers and leaders. I dream of effective evangelism—of lost people being reached with the life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ—of inactive Christians coming to renewal. I dream of new churches being planted—of Free Will Baptist churches growing in major urban areas beyond North Carolina. I dream of the expansion of **each** of our denominational ministries.

Folks, I'm not wishing on a star. My hope is grounded in God. In his paraphrase of Hebrews 11:1 Clarence Jordan stated it well: "Faith is turning dreams into deeds."

I love the Free Will Baptist Church and our people. I consider it a great privilege and responsibility to be ordained into our ministry. It is my prayer that God will continue to bless us.

May God open our eyes to the great things that He can do through a people committed to Him!





## A QUESTION TO PONDER

*by Frank R. Harrison*

**“W**hy doesn't God speak to us today or enter into our human experience in some way?” This is the question I hear asked by some thoughtful students as they ponder and reflect over their Old and New Testament studies.

My question in reply is this: “Why do you think we would be any more open to recognize or receive God's entrance into our lives and world in the twentieth century than those of the first century?”

Surely, the Messiah was born in a barn in Bethlehem as a child of Joseph and Mary. His birth was announced to humble shepherds on a hillside; He was worshiped by wise men from the East, who followed a star that must have been an unusual astronomical phenomenon. They even informed King Herod of the Child's birth.

The Child grew up in Nazareth, the son of a carpenter. At the age of approximately 30, He made public His ministry, gathered twelve young men around Him, and taught them about God and Himself. He healed many people, even raised some from the dead, performed various good deeds, spent a good bit of time with the poor, publicans, tax collectors, and various other sinners whom society rejected.

Finally, He was put on trial, convicted and put to death by crucifixion on false charges.

Three days later He was alive and was again walking among His followers, with the promise that He would be with them always and will empower them to carry on His mission until it is completed with His final return.

So, if all this is true and He is in the world and among His people, why does He not enter into our world and experience?

Or, could it be that He does, and we, like the citizens of the first century and before, still do not see or recognize Him! How profound and prophetic the records of John 1:10-11, “He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world did not know him. He came unto his own, and his own received him not.”

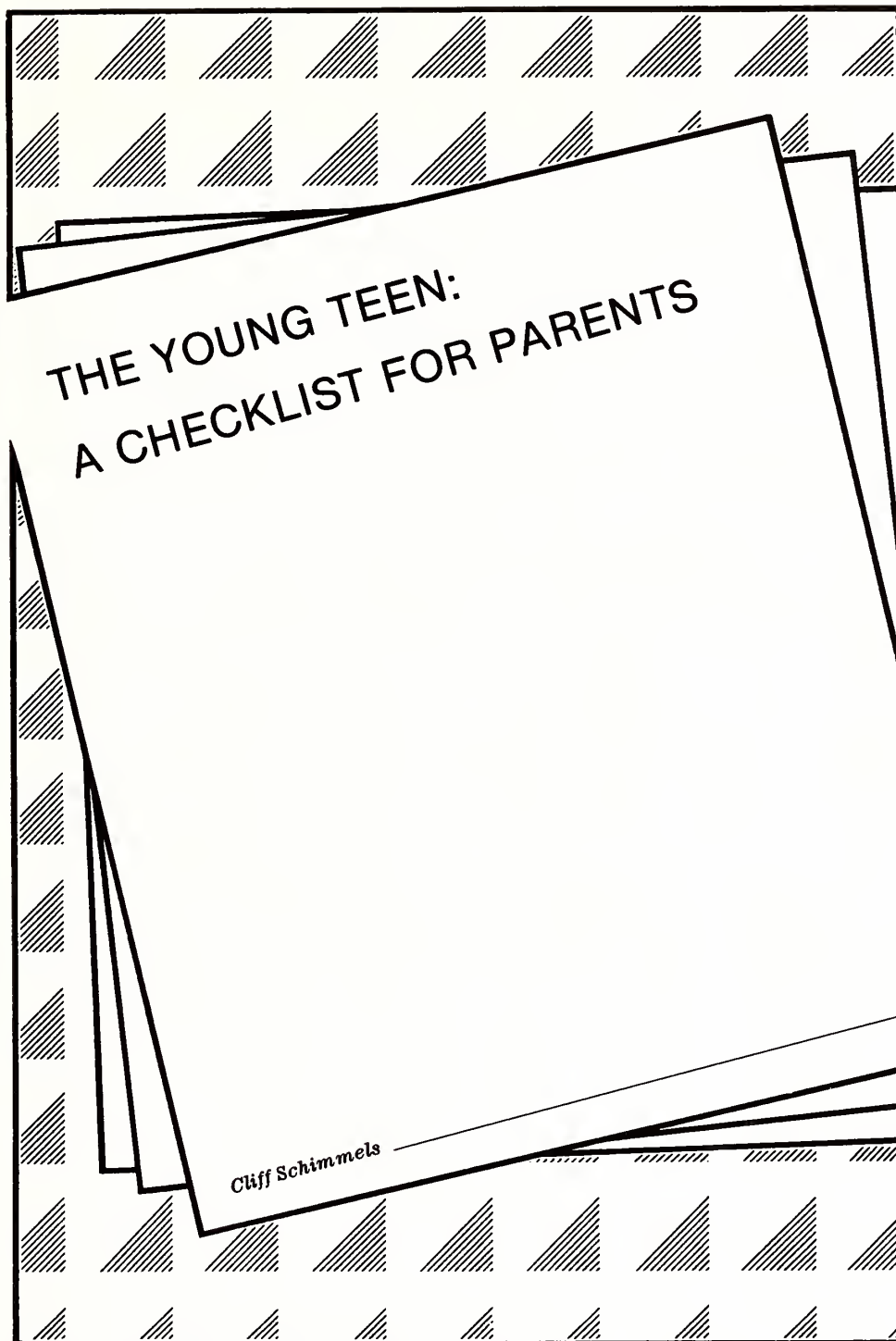
How ironic! The Messiah, eternal Son of the living God, became flesh and blood, entered into human experience and history, but was not recognized by the very ones in Israel and Jerusalem who were looking for Him. Those who were most religious in the established form of the time, who read the Law daily, searched the Scriptures, memorized them, some even bound them to their bodies, did not recognize the One of whom they had read, and had so long waited! Yet He comes into their midst! He stands face to face with them and even, on occasion, reads the Scriptures to them, and says to them, it is fulfilled in their very presence!

So it is in human experience in the past, and I suspect, is no different today. Certainly, Amaziah, the priest of Bethel and the highest religious official in Israel, did not see Amos as a messenger of God, but rather a meddler seeking to get a few coins for himself. Neither did Ahab regard Elijah as God's representative with a message in 1 Kings 18, but rather refers to him as a “troublemaker” who disrupts the peace of the land and causes disruption in the religious establishment.

Indeed! A Messiah? A Messiah born of a woman in a barn in Bethlehem? The event announced to shepherds and not in the temple! Children, in an obscure village in Yugoslavia, having visions of Jesus and telling people to turn to Him in repentance, live for Him, read the Scriptures and live a holy life in service to God and humanity? Food for the poor and hungry at the soup kitchen? Medicine for the sick and malnourished children of the world? Good news and salvation for all people, regardless of race, color, or creed?

“. . . Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you? The King will answer and say, ‘Verily, I say unto you, inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me’” (Matthew 25:37-40).





The young teen years are years of transition for both the child and the parent. The child has to learn to handle changing roles, moods, and body. Parents have to learn to handle the changing child.

To simplify your task, I offer this checklist for some of the changes you should be prepared to expect in your child. Although your child may not encounter all of these (and he or she may encounter some not listed), at least this list should help minimize the surprises you are going to face.

### Physical Changes

1. Growth—At this age, body growth is as unpredictable as a hummingbird in flight. These unpredictable growth spurts concern everyone involved. There is often some physical pain involved. Problems with joints and shin splints, for example, are common.

Another problem is awkwardness. When a graceful thirteen-year-old grows six inches in a matter of a few months, he or she will quite naturally go through some clumsiness before the young teen regains complete control of arms and legs.

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2. Body hair—Much silent comparison takes place at this age. Your child's need to shave may be more emotional than cosmetic.

3. Voice changes—To get from childish cries to adult tones, one has to go through some squeaks and groans. Those unintentional sounds are not always as humorous for the speaker as they are for the listener.

When an eighth-grade boy answers the phone and is mistaken for his mother, he is embarrassed. Perhaps this is one reason why young teens prefer each other's company. They don't have to explain the vocal ups and downs.

4. Sexual development—With this, comes curiosity. Young teens have an imperative need for counseling, direction, and understanding.

5. Skin problems—They are almost inevitable. Part of being a parent is knowing when to consult a dermatologist.

### **Social Changes**

1. Widening social circle—Most young people have a variety of social opportunities. For many this variety comes unexpectedly and complicates the role of parent.

2. Role changes—Popular people lose their starring roles and unknowns begin to blossom. Changes never come easy because they demand that the young person learn a whole new set of emotional responses.

3. Family relationships—Your child will need his family identification more than at any other period in his life, although it may seem as if he's denying it.

4. Egocentrism—The child may feel as if he is the center of critical conversation.

### **Emotional Changes**

1. The independent/dependent paradox—The young teen needs adults, but he or she may not act like it. Most need some external structure although many teens express verbal opposition.

2. Extremes—The young teen may pass from one emotion to its opposite at any moment.

3. Experimentation—Since the young teen is almost always adjusting to something new, he or she has to develop a whole new system of emotional responses. This takes some trial and error (and some extreme reactions at times).

### **Intellectual Changes**

1. Concrete to abstract—Developmental psychologists tell us that people move from thinking in concrete, material terms to more abstract thinking between the ages of twelve and fifteen. This change does not come without problems. The young teen has a great need for consistent, concrete models who will demonstrate abstract realities by concrete actions.

2. Demand for learning tools—During most of elementary school, students work at developing the basic learning skills of reading, writing, and arithmetic functions. But in junior high or middle school, they are expected to use those skills to master content. If a young teen is deficient in any skill, that child will suffer academically and perhaps socially.

A suggestion for parents: As painful as it may be, try to remember what your life was like during the young teen years. If you can recall some of the pain, embarrassment, and emotional turmoil you felt, you will vastly improve your ability to help your child through his or her ordeal.

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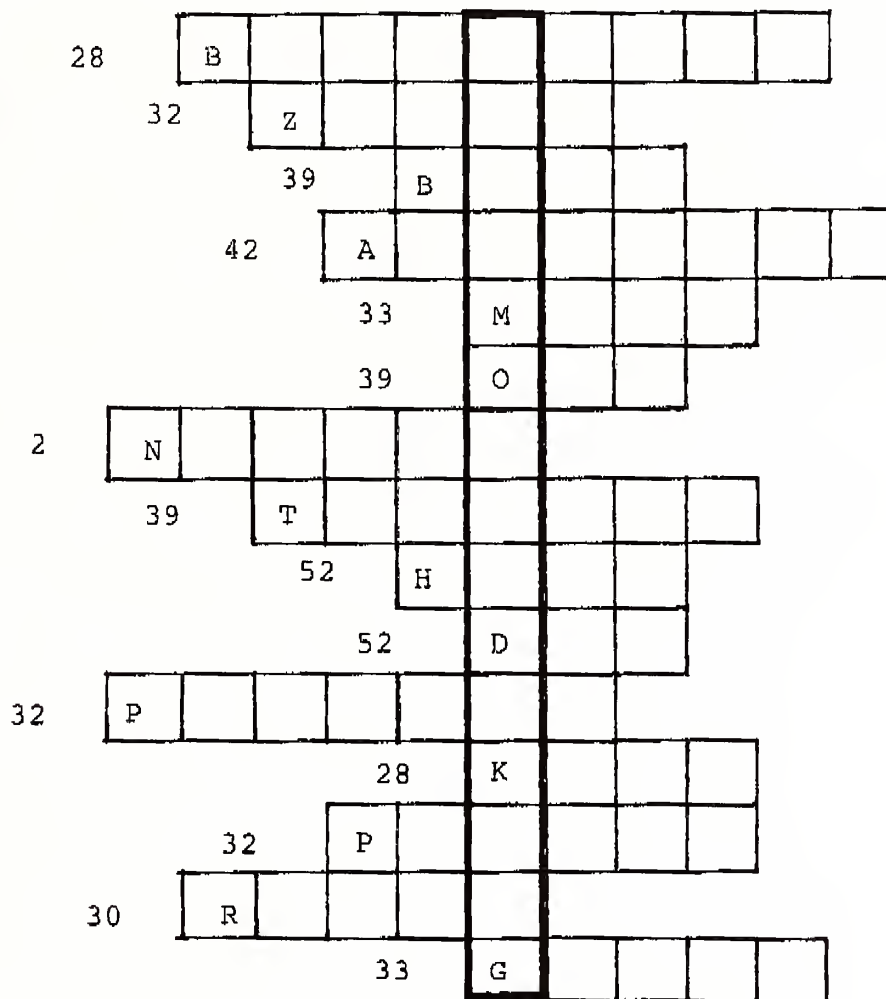
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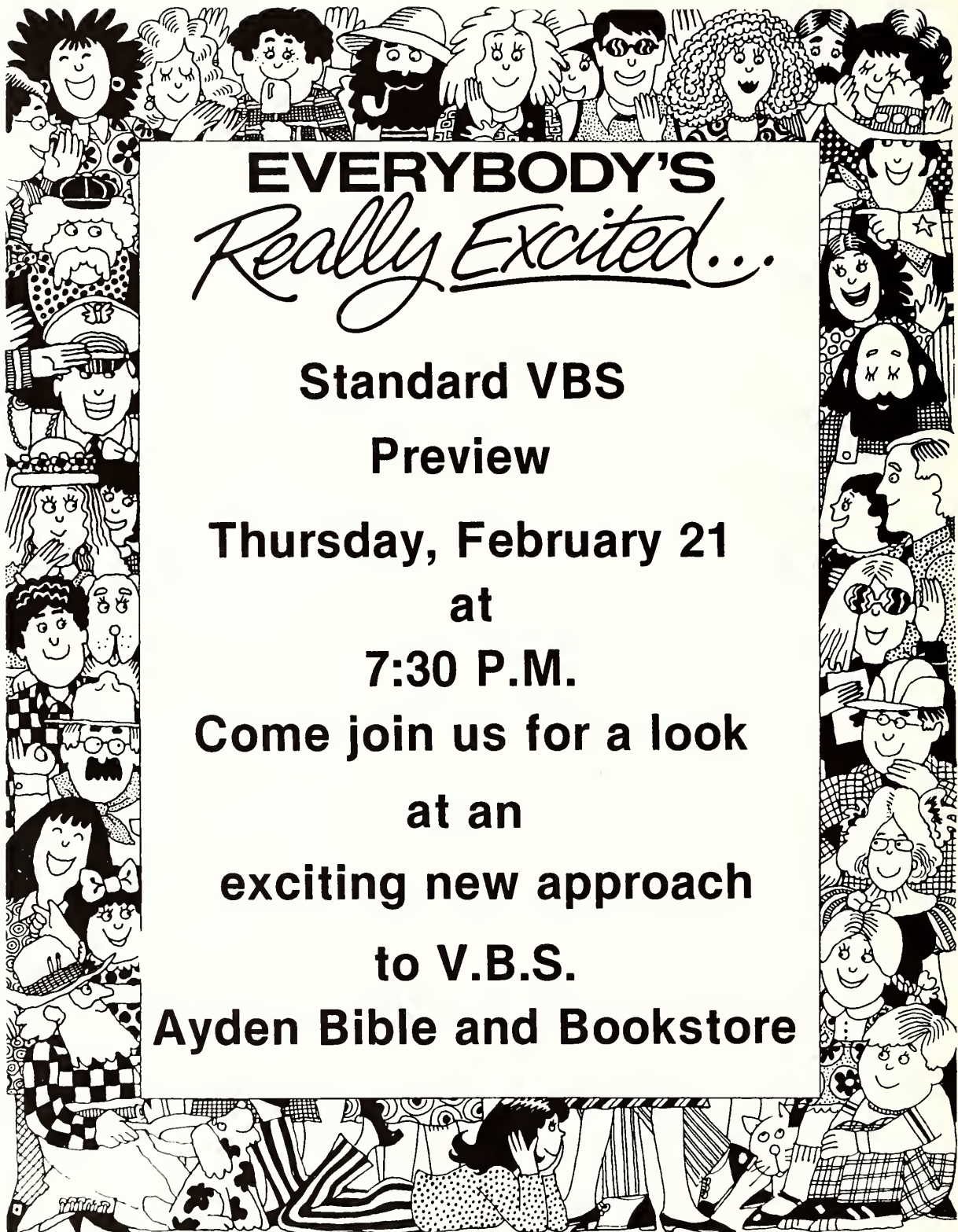
# PUZZLE TIME

Ordinarily when a king dies, his oldest son becomes the new king. When King David died, however, his oldest son did *not* become king. Just before his death, David was told that his son Adonijah was proclaiming himself king. David then called for his wife to tell her who the next king would be.

Read carefully verses 28 through 53 of the first chapter of 1 Kings to discover the name of the next king of Israel. Then fill in the squares to make words taken from this Scripture. The first letter of each word and the number of the verse containing the word are given to help you. When you have finished, read the three-word message from top to bottom in the dark squares.







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### STATE LEAGUE CONVENTION TO MEET

The North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Leagues will meet at the Hickory Chapel Church, Route 4, Ahoskie, on Saturday, March 9, 1991. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m., and the convention will begin at 10 a.m.

Following the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists' theme for the year, the theme for the Convention will be "Committing Your Way" (Psalm 35:5). During the morning session, three group sessions will be held: missionaries Willem and Lydia van der Plas will teach a group of children through 12 years old; Dirk van der Plas will lead a group for teenagers; and missionary Paul Grubbs will lead a session for adults. The van der Plas family will also bring special music.

As usual, the Junior and Intermediate Sword Drills will be held, with winners receiving an expense-paid or one-half expense-paid trip to Cragmont this summer. Each church may enter two contestants in the Junior drill (ages 9-11) and two contestants in the Intermediate drill (ages 12-15). A contribution of at least \$25 is requested.

In the afternoon session, a singspiration will be held. All Leagues are urged to send a good representation.

### SECOND UNION SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION TO MEET

The Second Union Sunday School Convention of the Central Conference will have its next meeting on fourth Sunday, March 24, 1991, at 3 p.m., at Piney Grove Church (Pitt County), Route 8 (Highway 264 West), Greenville, North Carolina. Please note that the Convention has been moved up a week because fifth Sunday, the usual time for

meeting, is Easter Sunday.

Dr. David Hines, of Mount Olive College, will lead a short workshop on Sunday School growth. All superintendents, assistant superintendents, teachers and assistant teachers, along with anyone else who would like to attend, are encouraged to be present.

### EASTERN DISTRICT WA CONVENTION PLANNED

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Eastern District will hold its Spring Convention on March 21 at Smith's New Home Church. The theme for the day will be "To Be True Servants" and John 12:26 will serve as the Convention theme Scripture. Following is the schedule for the day's activities.

- 9:30—Registration
- 10:00—"O Jesus, I Have Promised," Special Music, Annie Belle Hines, Kinston, First
  - Prayer, Cathy Crumpler, Vice President
  - Welcome, Happy Taylor, Smith's New Home
  - Response, Margaret Carol Banks, Friendship
  - Hymn, "In the Service of the King"
- 10:15—Convention Message, "To Be True Servants," Jean Ackiss, Spring Hill
- 10:45—President's Remarks, Janet Brown, President
  - District Projects
  - Camp Vandemere, Lorraine Garner
  - Eastern Conference Missions, Lillie Jones
  - Youth Chairman, Pam Kennedy
  - Business Session
- 11:30—Hymn, "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes"
  - Offering and Prayer
- 12:00—Lunch

### AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Hymn, "Nothing But the Blood"

- Devotion, District Officers
- 1:15—Denominational Reports
  - Children's Home, Jeff Daughtry
  - Cragmont, John Williams
  - Foreign Missions, Harold Jones
  - Free Will Baptist Press, Cliff Gray
  - Home Missions, David Charles Hansley
  - Minister's Program, Donald Fader
  - Mount Olive College, Happy Taylor
  - General Secretary, C. H. Overman
  - Treasurer's Report, Velma Morris
  - Other Business
  - Hymn, "Standing on the Promises"
  - Benediction

### THIRD UNION OF THE EASTERN CONFERENCE ANNOUNCES TIME CHANGE

The Third Union of the Eastern Conference voted at the last meeting to change its convening time to 9:30 a.m. in order to have more time for business, worship and fellowship.

The Union will meet at Cabin Church March 30, 1991, at 9:30 a.m. Members are urged to attend and visitors have a cordial invitation.

### FIRST WESTERN UNION MEETS WITH UNION GROVE CHURCH, WAYNE COUNTY

The first Union of the Western Conference will meet with Union Grove Church, Wayne County, Saturday, March 30, beginning at 9:30 a.m. The Rev. Aubrey Williamson, pastor of Saratoga Church, will bring the message; his alternate is the Rev. Harold Jones. The Rev. James Joyner, clerk, encourages ALL member churches to attend with full delegation, report and usual fee.

Oftentimes we have pastors, and members too, who give  
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excuses as to not attending. God's Word say, "Not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is . . .," and that ". . . where two or three are gathered . . . he will be in the midst, to own and to bless."

Union meetings are wonderful opportunities to fellowship with fellow ministers and parishioners. It is tragic, as someone said just last week, that it has to be at a funeral, for fellow Christians to see one another (or once or twice a year at the conference, State Convention or minister's conference).

Brothers and sisters, let's take advantage of the opportunities God gives to us to serve Him. They are limited!

May God bless each of US as we strive to serve HIM in a more dedicated way.

James V. Joyner, *Clerk*  
First Western Union

#### ALBEMARLE UNION TO MEET

The Albemarle Union will meet on March 30 at Free Union Church, Pinetown. The scheduled program follows.

##### OPENING SESSION

—Pianist, Mrs. Lucille Jones

10:00—Devotions, the Rev. Robert May

10:10—Welcome, the Rev. W. S. Burns

—Response

10:15—The Moderator's Address, the Rev. Charlie Overton

10:20—Roll Call of Ministers

—Recognition of Visiting Ministers

—Roll Call of Churches

10:30—Offering for Denominational Enterprises

—Announcements

—Prayer Time

—Two Testimonies

##### BUSINESS SESSION

10:40—Report of Children's Home, via literature

—Report of Mount Olive College, via literature

—Report of Free Will Baptist Press, via literature

- Report of Missions: Home and Foreign, via literature
- Report of Cragmont, via literature
- Report of Retirement Homes, via literature
- 10:50—Report of Treasurer
- Old or New Business
- Announcements of Next Union
- 11:00—Minutes Read and Approved

#### MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

11:10—Hymn

11:20—Special Music, Host Church

11:25—Message, the Rev. W. L. Brickhouse

—Benediction

—Adjournment and Lunch

#### REVIVAL SET

Ormondsville Church announces revival services March 3 through 7, with the Rev. Robert May as the guest speaker. Services on Sunday will be at 6 p.m. and Monday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m. There will be special music each night.

The pastor, the Rev. Charles Branch, and the congregation invite everyone to come.

#### GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED

*by Ruth Springle*

On December 16, 1990, Beaufort Church, Beaufort, NC, was honored to share the Golden Anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Bell. The pastor, Raymond W. Hardison, brought an inspiring message on "The Voyage of Life." In his message he brought out how important it is to choose the right leader (God), the right book (the Bible), the right companion and friends, and even the right job and conduct. Immediately following the morning worship, the entire congregation enjoyed a catered dinner in the fellowship hall. Mr. and Mrs. Bell have one son, John William, and one grandson, William Alex-

ander, and they attended the dinner with them.

Bill and Mary Bell moved to Beaufort, in August of 1987 from Tom's River, New Jersey, and have been attending Beaufort Church for the past two years. The Bells have been very active and are a real asset to the church. Mr. Bell teaches Sunday School occasionally and has filled the pulpit for the pastor. They both attend Wednesday night prayer meeting and the monthly prayer band meetings.

#### ATTENTION, NORTH CAROLINA WOMAN'S AUXILIARIES



The 1991 session of the North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention will convene on Thursday, May 9, at the Free Will Baptist Church in East Rockingham. Each Auxiliary should represent with one delegate for each 25 members or fraction thereof, plus a registration fee of \$15. Many Auxiliaries mail their registration fee in advance. Mailing the fees in to the state treasurer before April 25 will insure your delegates faster registration at the Convention. Please mail your \$15 fee to:

Mrs. Nadine Crocker  
Route 3, Box 280-AA  
Kenly, NC 27542

If you cannot possibly attend, please mail your fee anyway, as the Convention needs your support. We hope, however, to see you there.



## CONVENTION SCHEDULED

The Western District Woman's Auxiliary Convention will meet at First Church, Wilson, on April 3. Hebrews 13:15 has been selected as the theme Scripture and the theme of the day will be "Praise and Thanksgiving to God." The day's program is as follows:

### MORNING SESSION

- 9:15—Registration
- 9:45—Hymn
  - Devotion, Psalm 69:30-34, Agnes Vester
  - Welcome, Eunice Boykin
  - President's Remarks, Jean Marlowe
- 10:15—Hymn, "To God Be the Glory"
  - News From Our Denominational Enterprises, the Rev. C. H. Overman
  - Praises for Our Youth, Virginia Joyner
- 11:00—Hymn, "Praise Him, Praise Him"
  - Convention Offering
  - Special Music, Host Church
  - Message, Lydia van der Plas
- 12:00—Lunch

### AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:15—Hymn
  - Devotion and Memorial Service, Agnes Corbitt
  - Business Session
  - Installation of Officers, Donna Holland
  - Closing Hymn

### VALENTINE BANQUET

Approximately 52 people gathered in the Fellowship Hall at Crab Point Church, in Morehead City, on February 9, 1991, at 7 p.m. for a night of enjoyable food, fellowship and a good Christian program. The occasion was a Valentine Banquet sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary, using "Love" as a theme.

The menu consisted of baked ham, fried chicken, green beans, potato salad, macaroni salad, deviled eggs, congealed salad,



homemade cakes, and "down-east" lightning biscuits.

Mrs. Jane Daniels brought a very inspiring message on "The Winning Power of Love."

A trio from the church sang "Wings of a Dove." Mrs. Clela Buck sang "Constantly Aware of His Love." Mrs. Jane Daniels and Earl Fulcher sang "I Want Us to Be Together in Heaven."

After the program, valentines

were distributed to everyone present from a beautiful valentine box which had been prepared by the ladies.

Mrs. Dean Gurganus had beautifully decorated the Fellowship Hall in a valentine theme.

John Odom prayed the benediction.

The Rev. James Gurganus is pastor of the church.

### MEETING SCHEDULED

The Ordaining Council of the Central Conference will meet on Monday, April 8, at 7 p.m. at the Free Will Baptist Headquarters in Ayden. Any minister or church desiring to meet with the Council should contact the Rev. J. B. Naron, chairman, 205 South Baywood Lane, Greenville, North Carolina 27834; phone (919) 756-7609.

### WOMAN OF THE YEAR NAMED

Culminating a great 1990 Auxiliary year, a year full of accomplishments, the ladies of Smith's New Home Free Will Baptist Church recently named Mrs. Easter Smith as their Woman of the Year.

Selecting one lady for this honor was not an easy task, as our Auxiliary is made up of many special ladies who put God first in their

lives and it shows in their everyday living. Love, care and concern for our church, our families, and the community, and yes, even the world—all these enterprises—are touched in some small way by the prayerful support of our group. We have made ourselves available to meet the needs of others through calls, visits, cards, hugs, food, prayers, and many other small ways. Our meetings have been special—we've taken care of business, we have listened to needs brought before us and we have acted on these needs. We've had great lessons and devotions, and we have truly felt the Lord's presence in our midst.

Our Woman of the Year for 1990 has always been a hard worker, working from early morning until late night, caring for a husband

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and six children, cooking, cleaning, burning tobacco, and gardening. She still found the time to faithfully serve her church and her Auxiliary in numerous ways.

In an effort to learn more about our Woman of the Year, we asked the people who know her better than anyone else . . . her children. Below are some of their comments:

"Reading the 13th chapter of Corinthians always makes me think of my mother."

"She always put our needs before hers. When we needed, she would sacrifice to see that our needs were met."

"Mother always kept us involved in church and 4-H, and she instilled in us the value of doing the right thing."

"My mother could have been anything she wanted to be. She has both the talent and the initiative. A doer, she is constantly sharing not only her talents but her beliefs with others."

"A caring, loving woman who becomes a better friend the older I get. A woman who makes her grandchildren feel so special."

Perhaps the most telling quote of all . . . "If you wanted me to show you a good example of a Christian, I would show you my mother."

The Smith's New Home 1990 Auxiliary Woman of the Year . . . Mrs. Easter S. Smith.

Submitted by her daughter-in-law,  
Mrs. B. J. Smith

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to the increased cost of postage and the new rulings from the Post Office, it is very important that all addresses include route or road numbers, and the box numbers. If you are not receiving your *Baptist*, please let us know.

Pastors of churches on the Every Family Plan need to announce the importance of members keeping the clerk informed of any changes in addresses to assure that members receive the magazine each month.

## DEACON ORDAINED



Mike Tyndall

James Michael "Mike" Tyndall has recently been selected as a deacon for Christian Chapel Church, Route 1, Pink Hill.

Mike and his wife, Donna, have been members of the church for ten years. He is very active in all phases of the church work as well as other organizations.

He serves as chairman of the usher board and is a member of the Pink Hill Ruritan Club. Mike and his wife, Donna, do all the church bulletins. Mike is also in charge of the tape ministry for Christian Chapel.

Mike and Donna have two children, Kelly 10, and Heather, age 6.

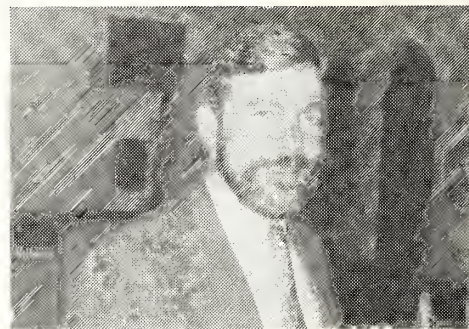
## SUPPER SCHEDULED

The Layman's League of Ormondsville Church is having a pancake supper on Friday, March 8, from 6-8 p.m. Plates are \$3 per person (all you can eat). The proceeds of the dinner will go to the Building Fund.

## CENTRAL LAYMAN'S LEAGUE NEWS



Elmer Harrell, left, Central Conference Layman's League president, discussed an upcoming meeting with Randy Tyson, conference vice president.



John Williams, manager of Cragmont Assembly, visited the Central Conference meeting in December and informed the men of the many ministries the camp offers to Free Will Baptists.



Those present at the Central Conference Layman's League meeting in December are shown here enjoying a delicious meal. All the men of the Conference are encouraged to join in the fun at Free Union Church, Walstonburg, in March.



# MARCH IS FOREIGN MISSIONS MONTH



## FOREIGN MISSIONS TELETHON SUNDAY

**MARCH 24, 1991      Theme: Purpose**

**Telethon Goal 1991**

A total of \$80,000 + in gifts on that Sunday. This goal can easily be reached if every church and individual will give as unto the Lord for His chief purpose—the evangelization of the world. Call in your special offering between 1:30 and 5:30 p.m. Dial: 919-746-4963 or 746-6128.

Your call is a vital part of fulfilling His purpose and yours.

## DAY OF PRAYER FOR REVIVAL AND WORLD MISSIONS MARCH 24, 1991

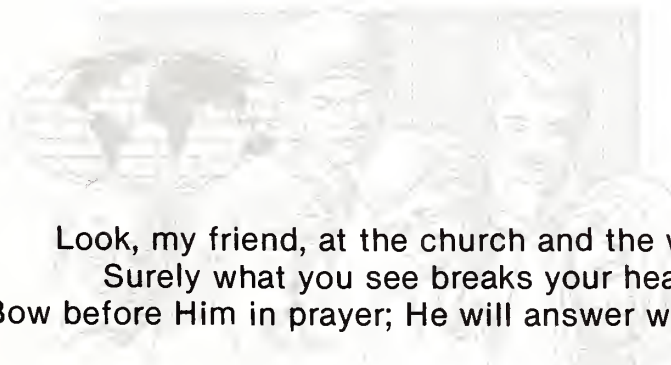
Prayer for revival comes from a broken heart over the condition of the church and the world. The world needs a Saviour and the church needs power and vision to proclaim the gospel. This only comes through prayer.

**PRAYER GOAL 1991:** All churches joining together in united prayer for revival, and world missions during the Morning Worship Hour on March 24, 1991.



### BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

P.O. Box 39  
Ayden, N.C. 28513-0039  
Phone: 919-746-4963



Look, my friend, at the church and the world.  
Surely what you see breaks your heart.  
Bow before Him in prayer; He will answer with revival.



# MARK THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR

MARCH 15, 1991

## ANNUAL WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE AND RALLY

Sponsored by the Board of Foreign Missions



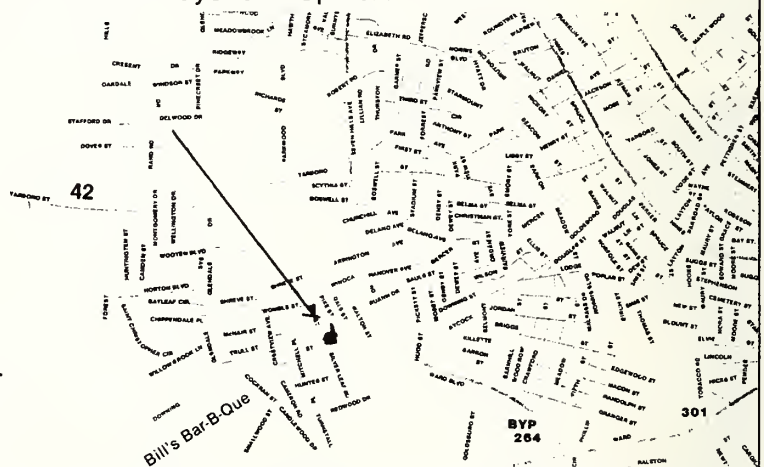
Rev. Glenn Sheppard, Speaker

Glenn Sheppard is Co-founder and President of International Prayer Ministries, Inc., an interdenominational organization whose purpose is to train, equip and motivate believers to pray for personal revival, spiritual awakening and world evangelization. His speaking commitments have included crusades, evangelism conferences, conventions, university and seminary campus lectures and ministry to missionaries, para-church groups and denominational leaders.

He will be speaking on a vital topic of interest to all of us—Prayer and Spiritual Warfare:

**Place:** Unity FWB Church  
(See map for directions.)  
**Time:** 3:00 P.M. Opening Session  
4:00 P.M. Second Session  
5:00 P.M. Meal Break (a banquet room has been reserved at Bill's Bar-B-Que for all participants and those who will be attending the evening Rally to meet for a fellowship meal. The cost will be according to your order. We will meet at Bill's at 5:30 p.m.)  
7:30 P.M. Mission Rally

There will be special music in each session provided by Unity Church.



(Unity Church is on Downing Street in Wilson. This is the same street on which Bill's Bar-B-Que is located. Just notice the major road numbers 301, 264 and 42. The church is located just four blocks off the 264 Bypass.)

Please plan to attend and bring a large number from your church. Let's fill Unity Church to overflowing.



## ATTENTION WOMAN'S AUXILIARIES

Now is the time for you to collect your per capita dues, if you have not already done so. These dues should be collected during the first months of the year, in time to be sent to your district treasurer before, or in time for, your district convention. The dues are 40 cents per member per year.

Send these dues to your district treasurer: she will keep 20 cents and send 20 cents to your state treasurer. It is necessary that you cooperate in this as these dues provide a part of the funds for the operational expenses of your convention. Thank you for your past cooperation; we know that we can continue to count on you.

Your state treasurer,  
Mrs. Nadine Crocker

## CELEBRATION OF THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR CHURCH

by Dr. E. M. Lall

In the wake of hitherto lawlessness, prevailing casteism, self-immodation by students, disintegration and insecurity, the Free Will Baptist Church of India celebrated its 15th church anniversary with great joy and enthusiasm. Although I was rather reluctant for the celebration at this time (when the entire country is in turmoil), the churches came together and were adamant for the celebration—no matter what the cost to them. Hence, I was helpless and let them do what they wanted.

However, it was indeed a great celebration, the first of its kind, adding one chapter in the history of the Free Will Baptist Church in India. As the program will vouch, all church denominations and



groups joined the celebration. Various churches presented enthusiastic songs and special speeches from church leaders.

The Rev. B. R. K. Lal, a theologian, presented the history of the Free Will Baptist Church back in Europe and the U.S.A. The Rev. Solomon Singh, the first Free Will Baptist minister of the Bareilly congregation, narrated an account of how the church was formed at Bareilly.

Special prayers were offered for the Board of Foreign Missions, for their vision in working in our country, and many thanks were conveyed to the Free Will Baptists in the United States for supporting the church work, and thus sharing and carrying the work of the Lord Jesus Christ as commanded by Him.

The highlight of the celebration was when Mr. Pramod March, secretary of the Free Will Baptist Church in India, presented a big candle lit by Dr. Lall to mark a special event of the anniversary, manifesting "lighting the country of India with the message of Salvation in the days ahead." Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Verghes, from South India, now members of our Bareilly congregation, garlanded the founder-leaders of the church:



Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Lall, who exhorted the church community in India, "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might, for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going" (Ecclesiastes 9:10). He continued (from Isaiah 40:31), "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary, and they shall walk, and not faint." Quoting what St. Paul had said to the Ephesian elders in Acts 20:24, Dr. Lall said, "None of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus to testify the gospel of the grace of God."

While he thanked all, he stressed that we should let evangelism be our obsession; our only ambition in life is to live for Jesus, live for others and not for self, die evangelizing and planting Free Will Baptist Churches throughout India. People were overwhelmed as the program came to an end. Mr. Jones Brahamanand, a retired principal

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of the college who had taught Dr. Lall in the High School classes, spoke of the tremendous growth of the church under the leadership of Dr. Lall.

The congregation of the Free Will Baptist church at Bareilly served refreshments and tea to the entire gathering, which was numbering over 500 including men, women and the youth.

Mr. John Dayal, secretary of the local pastorate committee of Bareilly, thanked all those who responded and participated in the program.

## EASTER

by Dr. E. M. Lall

Among the Roman Christians, the Easter slogan was, "Dominice Gaudi," meaning "Joyful Sunday." On this day, all customary forms of salutations were laid aside and as Christians met Christians in the streets of Rome, the greeting "Christ is risen" was used; and the response to this greeting was, "He is risen indeed." The assurance of the risen Lord filled their hearts, and they actually felt His divine presence in their midst.

Since that first Easter, Christians have celebrated this great festival with increasing joy and celebrity. Colored eggs and white lilies have become a significant

part of this day among some Christians. In India, one wonders why HOLI (a Hindu festival) and Easter, both spring festivals, have this colorful celebration. I suppose nature adds something to it; but that blossoming life of our risen Lord has given it a colorful endless life. At this time, we Christians should feel and share with others the message of eternal life in Christ. As we enter into this greatest of all festivals observed by man, let us keep some salient lessons before us.

## Deathless Life

Easter brings to us an experience of deathless life that eventually merges in God, the Father. In North India, a Muslim gentleman told me that "when we Mohammedans go to Jerusalem, which is your Mecca, we find nothing, but an empty tomb. But when we go to Mecca, we find at least a coffin."

He was right, because our risen Christ could not be held within a grave. He is risen, and He lives. Therefore, the grave is empty. Christianity would have no message if Christ had stayed in the grave. Christ is risen indeed. He is alive and He can appear to us today if we will purify our vision to be able to see Him.

The guardian angel at the empty grave told, "He is not here: for

He is risen . . . and go quickly, and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead . . . and goeth before you into Galilee" (Matthew 28:6-7).

Look for Him carefully. He may be around your homes and churches. He is risen.

Wishing you all a happy Easter!

## MISSIONARIES HOME ON FURLOUGH



Willem and Lydia van der Plas

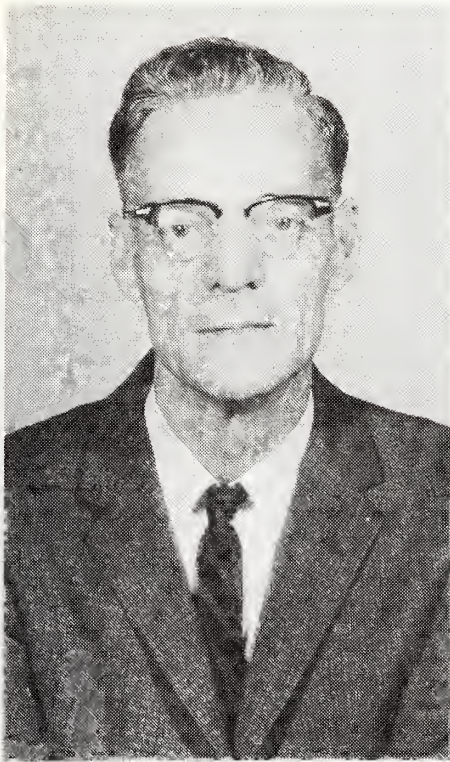
Willem and Lydia van der Plas arrived in North Carolina for a six-month furlough on January 7. They are living in Clayton. The fine congregation of Everett Chapel has again allowed the Board the use of their parsonage for our missionaries. This is a tremendous blessing. Please invite them to visit your church while they are in North Carolina. Contact them soon before their schedule is full (Box 1025, Clayton, NC 27520; or phone (919) 553-0860).

## NEW ADMISSION TO RETIREMENT HOMES

Upon his retirement from the Free Will Baptist ministry and as a pastor of High Point Church, High Point, NC, the Rev. Thomas Brooks applied to Retirement Homes for its schedule of benefits







The Rev. Thomas Brooks

offered through its monthly cash payment plan.

Retirement Homes immediately appealed to the churches in the Piedmont Conference to help Retirement Homes put together a financial support package in his behalf. Participating churches were asked to give \$27.50 monthly, or \$330 annually. Thus far East Rockingham, Highland Pines, High Point and Northside Churches have made annual commitments. The Piedmont Conference and individuals have contributed lesser amounts.

Brother Brooks was admitted in November 1990 and received his first cash payment in December. Those who wish to correspond with him may use this address: 703 Fisher Ferry Street, Thomasville, NC 27360.

While attending the Union Meeting held with East Rockingham Church, Mr. Gary L. Melton expressed deep interest in what we were doing for retired families—especially Brother Brooks. He is a member of Mooresville Church. He contributed personally toward our monthly support for Brother Brooks.

March 1990



Pictured here in front of the East Rockingham Church is Mrs. Judy M. Wright who is encouraging support for Retirement Homes in her community. She is seen here making her personal gift to the ministry to the retired. Mrs. Wright is a dear friend of Retirement Homes and a member

of House of Prayer Church, Kernersville, NC, where the Rev. Mrs. Carlee Stallard is pastor.

Gifts to Retirement Homes should be mailed to our office: Box 39, Ayden, NC 28513. The director will visit your church with information about this ministry upon request.

#### CENTRAL WOMEN TO MEET

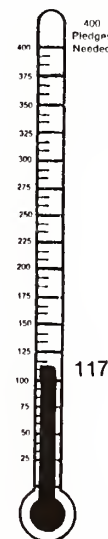
The Central District Woman's Auxiliary Convention will meet with Ayden Church on Saturday, March 23. Registration will begin at 9 a.m., with the meeting convening at 9:30. The theme of the day's session will be "Serving the Risen Lord."

#### NAME OMITTED

Sylvia A. Suggs, the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Garland Suggs of Whiteville, was named to the Mount Olive College President's List for the 1991 Fall Semester. The President's List is published to honor students who attain the highest possible academic standing. To qualify, students must be attending MOC on a full-time basis (12 semester hours or more) and must achieve a quality grade point average of 4.0 for the semester just ended. Ms. Suggs'

name was inadvertently omitted from the list when it was compiled.

## CRAGMONT JUBILEE UPDATE





## DR. WILLARD DAGGETT'S CHALLENGE TO EDUCATORS: AN UPDATED CURRICULUM

*Dr. Pepper Worthington  
Writer-in-residence  
Mount Olive College*

"The dreams of our children are at risk," declared Dr. Willard Daggett at the Education Luncheon on Wednesday, January 30, at Mount Olive College. "Do our children have the math, science, and language arts for basic employment in the 1990s?" he asked.

In order to answer his question, he began to show the more than 100 people gathered in the MOC auditorium how the job market since 1950 had radically changed but the educational curriculum had remained the same.

Somberly he noted, "Our military has change since the 1940s. Look at the technology now in the Persian Gulf. Our job market has changed as much as our military structure," he declared.

To clarify his intention of awakening modern educators to the need of an up-dated curriculum, Dr. Daggett chose four sectors of society for working people: agriculture, service jobs, production and manufacturing, and information jobs. In 1900, approximately 85% of American jobs were in agriculture. By 1989, only 3% of the American work force is in agriculture. Why? Modern technology, of course.

Likewise, in the production and manufacturing jobs, Dr. Daggett shocked the educators with a bold analysis. "If you are not offering courses in three areas of manufacturing, then you are putting American children at risk in the job market. The manufacturing industry needs people trained in zero-based defects, flexible automation, and micro-process electric circuits."

To explain these somewhat strange terms, Dr. Daggett illustrated how his own father, Cecil Daggett, had lost his job in



**Education speaker at Mount Olive College**—Dr. Willard R. Daggett speaks at a luncheon co-sponsored by Mount Olive College and the Mount Olive Area Chamber of Commerce in January. Area educators and business people attended the event which was held in the downtown auditorium. Daggett, the director of Occupational Instruction with the New York State Education Department, told his audience that changes are essential in American education so that students will have the skills to compete in a new age of technology in the workplace (photo by Patti O'Donoghue).

both a steel clamp industry that turned to robotization and later an automatized fast food restaurant. He illustrated the change in General Motors to computerized cars and modern telecommunications wonders which we have seen operate in the news coverage of the war in the Persian Gulf.

"What courses should educators be offering today's students?" asked Dr. Daggett. He insisted that modern students needed to study statistics, logic, probability, and measurement systems. In the language arts curriculum, he recommended both technical writing and reading courses.

"Educators need to teach new keyboarding," he announced. The old keyboard system was designed for the manual typewriter

where the left hand typed 72 letters to the right hand's 28 letters. The keyboard had been designed to keep the manual keys from overlapping. "Today," Dr. Daggett declared, "you can type up to 1,400 words a minute on modern keyboarding technology. How many words do you type a minute now?"

Sighs rippled through the shocked audience. "Do you know also," added Dr. Daggett, "that the machine of the future is the ATM (automatic teller machine). We have no students in American colleges trained to service the ATM, so companies are having to hire students from foreign countries to maintain their ATM systems. Our students lack the basic skill of the 1990s. Their future is at risk because they are



still studying their grandpa's curriculum."

To clinch his emphasis upon updating technological curriculums, Dr. Daggett asked, "How would you like to be a 1940 foot soldier with the technology of today?"

Among Dr. Daggett's firmest recommendations are CLT Keyboard changes, courses in statistics, probability, technical writing, and ATM systems. After an analysis of the future of his own five children, Dr. Daggett concluded, "What drives me to address our outdated educational curriculum is my love of my own children. If you who have children love your own children more than your schools, then you'll change your schools."

### **CAMPAIGN FOR NEW DINING HALL BEGINS AT MOC**

Mount Olive College is beginning a campaign for a new dining hall. The projected cost of the facility is \$2 million. A \$500,000 challenge pledge for the dining hall has been made by the parents of an MOC student, and construction will begin as soon as gifts are adequate to cover the cost of the project.

To help provide the additional \$1.5 million required, churches will be invited to participate as part of MOC's "Road to Excellence" campaign.

"Our plans," said MOC President W. Burkette Raper, "are to construct a building that will serve not only our students but also provide dining accommodations for church conventions, civic, and community events.

"A seating capacity of 600 is envisioned," he added. "We believe that this building will add as much to our ability to serve our students, church, community, and region as College Hall has."

Most of the College operations have been transferred to the main campus, but food services remains in the old building which was condemned in 1951. The present condition and location of the

dining hall is a serious restraint in attracting new students, and the facility is inadequate to provide the more than 100,000 meals it serves annually.

"Providing an adequate food services facility cannot be further delayed," said Dr. Raper. "We must move promptly because time is running out on us in the old building."

For more information, contact President W. Burkette Raper, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, NC 28365; telephone (919) 658-2502.

### **MOC IS INCLUDED IN THE CAMPUS LEADERSHIP AWARD PROGRAM**

President W. Burkette Raper announced that Mount Olive College has been selected to participate in the Sears-Roebuck Foundation's 1990-91 Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award Program.

"Our primary emphasis at Mount Olive College is on quality teaching with the student as our central focus," said Dr. Raper. "We are especially pleased that the Sears-Roebuck Foundation has maintained its long-standing partnership with independent higher education with a focus on excellence in teaching and service to both students and the College."

The awards are presented to top educators at nearly 700 of the nation's leading independent liberal arts colleges and universities as a means of recognizing their outstanding resourcefulness and leadership. Each winning faculty member will receive \$1,000 and Mount Olive College will receive a grant of \$1,000 based on student enrollment. Institutional grants are used to encourage campus leadership, faculty enrichment, and improved teaching. This year is the first that MOC has participated in the program.

The College is inviting nominations for the Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award from students, alumni, and faculty members. A panel of judges,

composed primarily of alumni, will select the winner from those nominated.

The program is administered nationally by the Foundation for Independent Higher Education, based in Stamford, Connecticut, and in North Carolina by Dr. Hilburn Womble, president of the Independent College Fund of North Carolina.

"We salute Sears in recognizing one of society's most fundamental needs, excellence in teaching," said John P. Blessington, FHIE president. "These awards will honor some of the nation's best educators and encourage others to emulate them."

"In this program," said Paula A. Banks, president of the Sears-Roebuck Foundation, "we have the opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to recognize campus leadership and outstanding teaching at the undergraduate level."

Mount Olive College's Excellence in Teaching and Campus Leadership Award winner will be announced in May during graduation.

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### **COMING EVENTS AT MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE**

**Tuesday, March 12,** Women's History Month Lecture, Sandra Porter Babb, president and executive director of N.C. Equity, North Carolina's public policy and advocacy center for women, 11 a.m., Rodgers Chapel.

**Tuesday, March 26,** Easter Convocation, Ray K. Hodge of Kinston, retired Southern Baptist minister, speaker, 11 a.m., Rodgers Chapel.

**Tuesday, March 26,** Mount Olive College Press luncheon, introducing *Light for Living: Personal Insights for Daily Devotions*, by Ray K. Hodge, 1 p.m., downtown auditorium, \$5 for lunch. Reservations may be made by contacting the Mount Olive College Press, Mount Olive, NC; telephone, (919) 658-2502, extension 3035.

For more information, contact Patti O'Donoghue, MOC director of Public Information, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365; telephone (919) 658-2502.

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The Mount Olive College  
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by the  
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**March 17**  
Ormondsville  
Free Will Baptist  
Church  
Ayden  
6:00 p.m.

**April 7**  
Shady Grove  
Free Will Baptist  
Church  
Dunn  
7:00 p.m.



**April 14**  
Saint Mary's  
Free Will Baptist  
Church  
Kenly  
7:00 p.m.

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Free Will Baptist  
Church  
Newport  
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*Spring Concert*  
*April 9, 1991*  
*8:00 p.m. Downtown Auditorium*  
*Mount Olive College*

For more information contact:  
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# BELOVED, FAITHFUL TEACHER LORELLE MARTIN ADDRESSES MOC AT SPRING CONVOCATION

by Cecil Cahoon II

*Get wisdom and insight! Do not forget or ignore what I say. Do not abandon wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will keep you safe. Getting wisdom is the most important thing you can do. Whatever else you get, get insight. Love wisdom, and she will make you great. Embrace her, and she will bring you honor. She will be your crowning joy (Proverbs 4:5-9).*

This chosen Convocation Scripture seemed to fit perfectly the character, discipleship and scholarship of the 1991 Mount Olive College Spring Convocation speaker, retired science professor emerita Lorelle Martin. It was given by Dr. Sarah V. Clere, a professor of English at Mount Olive College.

## A profound influence

"This is a woman of substance," said dean of instruction Dorothy Whitley, introducing Ms. Martin. "An ordained deacon at First Baptist Church in Mount Olive, Ms. Martin has had a monumental 50-year teaching career, and she spent 30 of those years at Mount Olive College."

As Ms. Whitley recognized Ms. Martin's devotion and dedication to the College, she called Ms. Martin a "wise counselor" and remarked that Ms. Martin had "had a profound influence on her colleagues and the people around her." She reported that many of Ms. Martin's former students had

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Lucy B. Mooring, English professor emerita, left, and Linda S. Kraft, MOC's director of Advertisement, right, visit with their "retired" co-worker.



lovingly called her a "turning point" in their lives, having a life-long effect on them and their work.

Perhaps the highest praise came as Ms. Whitley quoted MOC President Dr. W. Burkette Raper, saying, "One of the most fortunate events in the history of this institution was the coming of Mrs. Lorelle Martin."

### The art of living

"We must not fail to concentrate on the art of living," Ms. Martin said as she began her address to the students and faculty of Mount Olive College. She advised that, in all of our various walks of life and our affairs in business, family, and world concerns, we must not forget that the development of the "art of living" is preparation for life itself, and walks hand-in-hand with the education process.

Ms. Martin listed some qualities that are necessary for realizing success, but emphasized helping others as one of the most important. To illustrate her point, she told the story of the late Dr. Cyrus Thompson, a "country doctor" known across the state around the turn of the century.

"Dr. Thompson continued to be a student even after his schooling," said Ms. Martin. She explained that Thompson had chosen a profession that would allow him to help all the people that he could, and carried his instruments "on horseback, then a buggy, a Ford, and finally a Chevrolet." But, deciding that he could help more people if he were in politics, Dr. Thompson gave up his medical practice and was elected to the North Carolina General Assembly. He ultimately served as Secretary of State from 1897 to 1901.

"Dr. Thompson had an abundant sense of humor and truly lived his philosophy of life," Ms. Martin continued. "He was deeply religious and



Lorelle Martin visits with friends and former students following her address at Mount Olive College's Spring Convocation—Jean F. Ackiss, director of Church Support, says a warm, "Hello."



Teresa Hines chats with Ms. Martin. Mrs. Hines serves as executive secretary to MOC President W. Burkette Raper. Dr. James A. Coates, vice president for Operations, is in the background.

led an old-fashioned Methodist life. He was tender in heart, and fed his soul on the beauties of nature."

Ms. Martin then turned to a modern application of this quality: emphasis on helping others.

### Developing talents

"We are not all born equal, but equally," she said. "And one of the ways to discover and develop one's gifts and talents is by reading." She reminded the audience that we think in words, and she noted that words are the tools with which we communicate. If we do not practice reading and understanding the words of others, we may fail to be effective. With this in mind, Ms. Martin urged students to be "especially thankful" when a teacher presses them to read and to do their best.

She gave an example of how each of us can help, describing the Read to Succeed Program that she directs at Carver Elementary School in Mount Olive. In this program, adult volunteers spend one hour per week with children in the first and second grades. Volunteers listen to children read, which builds a one-on-one relationship that helps the child develop self-confidence. It gives the child a good self-image and provides the assurance necessary to speak out and participate in the classroom. Ms. Martin said she was pleased by the results so far, saying that "volunteers have helped to reduce the problem of tension and discipline in the classroom."

Ms. Martin advised that children have a need to know what is going on around them. In working



with these children, she said adults can provide an excellent role model by following five guidelines. (1) Give of yourself. (2) Don't be afraid to work. (3) Be willing to investigate. (4) Never be biased. And (5) always stand for what you know is right and just.

### Warm cookies and cold milk

She emphasized care for others, "even more than you care for yourself," belief in others, faith in God, and self-respect.

In her conclusion, Ms. Martin cited and recommended a book by Robert Fulghum entitled, *All I Really Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*.

"Wouldn't it be grand," she said, referring to Fulghum's book, "if everyone in the world would live a balanced life—learn some, think some, and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work some every day?"

"Wouldn't it make a difference in the world situation that we face," she asked, "if everyone had warm cookies and cold milk and took a nap every afternoon. And when we went out into the world, we watched for traffic, held hands, and stuck together?"

(Cecil Cahoon is a senior and an English major at MOC. He works in the College Public Information Office as part of the Work Study program.)



## 1990 IN REVIEW

### ATTENDANCE

- ... attendance increased in youth conferences.
- ... mini-retreat, "Morning Star," best attendance yet.
- ... best attendance yet for "Limited Edition."

### FINANCIAL

- ... usual amount paid on loan principle: \$14,564.
- ... amount paid on principle at end of 1990: \$37,646.
- ... total indebtedness at end of 1988: \$261,346.
- ... total indebtedness at end of 1989: \$255,302.
- ... total indebtedness at end of 1990: \$232,219.
- ... principle reduced from 1988 to 1989 by \$6,044.
- ... principle reduced from 1989 to 1990 by \$23,083.

### GOALS FOR 1991

- ... recruit larger participation in youth camps.
- ... create greater "Cragmont Awareness" in all churches.
- ... amass the remaining 284 of the 400 "Jubilee" pledges.
- ... create specially designed retreats for Free Will Baptist people.

## "JUBILEE"

### BIBLICAL TEXT

*Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubile to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land. And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubile unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family. A jubile shall that fiftieth year be unto you: ye shall not sow, neither reap that which groweth of itself in it, nor gather the grapes in it of thy vine undressed. For it is the jubile; it shall be holy unto you; ye shall eat the increase thereof out of the field. In the year of this jubile ye shall return every man unto his possession (Leviticus 25:9-13).*

### WHO CAN CONTRIBUTE?

- ... Individuals
- ... Families
- ... Auxiliaries
- ... Churches
- ... Men's leagues
- ... Youth groups

### WHAT IS THE COST?

- ... \$200 per year
- ... \$100 semiannually
- ... \$50 quarterly
- ... \$1,000 full amount

Yes, you can count on me (us) to help Cragmont become debt free by 1996. I (we) hereby pledge a gift of \$1,000 toward debt reduction of Cragmont. I (we) have circled our choice of payment above. Our first payment will be made on \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_





## CAN YOU HEAR GOD SPEAKING?

*by Emily Griffin and Tracy McCoy,  
Free Will Baptist Fellowship Members*

Can you hear God speaking? Members of the Free Will Baptist Fellowship of Mount Olive College asked this question as we toured the North Carolina mountains, and felt the presence of God around us.

The first beauty was the place we called "home" as we welcomed in the New Year: CRAGMONT. We also made friends with new acquaintances as we sat by the fire, recollected the events of the past year, and set goals for our future.

Among many of our goals was the promise of saving our environment, and paying closer attention to God. Our environmental session was led by Becky Prescott, a Biology teacher from Havelock.

To our despair, we were unable to go with our original plan of skiing due to the warm weather; however, we equally enjoyed God's majesty as we journeyed along the beautiful Blue Ridge Parkway.

John Williams, the director of Cragmont Assembly, gave us a first-class tour of the mountains.

Among the sights visited were the Linville Caverns, Looking Glass Falls, and Sliding Rock. The most impressive sight was the top of Mt. Mitchell—the highest peak east of the Mississippi. We were astounded and brought to awe, yet angered at the same time. On one side, we saw the best nature had to offer; while on the other side, we saw careless human destruction to the forest.

As we stood at the peak, we saw the ending of the day, and the beginning of the night, while the sun set and the moon rose simultaneously across the sea of clouds.

As the day ended and we descended the mountain, we looked back and thanked God for the beauty. God seemed to speak to us by forming a cross of

Participating in the weekend events at Cragmont were: Front row (left-right): Daniel Wiggs. Middle row (left-right): Terry Powers, Michelle Taylor, Christian Waters, Becky Prescott, and Dianne Riley. Back row (left-right) John Williams, director of Cragmont Assembly; Donna Bowen, Tracy McCoy, Len Smith, Emily Griffin, Nancy Boykin, and Dennis Riley.





The magnificent Looking Glass Falls.



A moonlit view of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

clouds under the bright, yellow moon. This was a reminder to each of us of His love and mighty power.

Many of us will never forget the wonderful time we experienced at Cragmont, and the lasting friendships that deepened and developed through the spiritual fellowship in the days we were together.

Can you hear God speaking? Yes!

(Emily Griffin works in the MOC Public Information Office as part of the College Work Study program.)



**Thornton family attends Visitation Day at MOC**—The Rev. Ed Thornton, Mrs. Brenda Thornton, and their daughter, Beverly, review Visitation Day events this spring with Mount Olive College Admissions Director Dianne Riley, right. Thornton is pastor of Aspen Grove Church in Fountain. Miss Thornton is a senior at Greene Central Senior High School. Over 100 people attended the event with representation from Virginia and 17 North Carolina counties. Students, prospective students, and their parents are always welcome to visit the MOC campus. Arrangements may be made by contacting Mrs. Riley, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, NC; phone, (919) 658-2502 (photo by Patti O'Donoghue).

### WE CAN OVERCOME

Being the young person that I am, I am many times laughed at when identifying myself as a minister. But I must think back to an Old Testament story of a young shepherd boy named David. He was no great warrior in appearance, yet he knew that he could be used in the battle against the Philistines.

One might ask, What made David so courageous? David knew that he had God on his side, and that through Him he could defeat that great giant. David had great faith in God and let Him use him in whatever way He needed him.

We, as Christians, should also trust in God as the supplier of our every need. We should also recognize the fact that through Him we can overcome every principality and ruler of the darkness, because we are more than conquerors through Christ Jesus.

Your brother in Christ,  
The Rev. James Edward Hildreth



## MORNING STAR

Spring Woman's Mini-Retreat  
Cragmont Assembly, Black Mountain, North Carolina  
Friday, April 5, 1991—Sunday, April 7, 1991  
(Weekend after Easter)

### Tentative Schedule

Friday, April 5, 1991

8 p.m.—Opening Service

Saturday, April 6, 1991

Morning—Bible Study and Music

Afternoon—Free for your own adventures

Evening—Service

Sunday, April 7, 1991

Morning Worship Service

11 a.m.—Homeward Bound

**Cost:** \$10 registration

35 balance due on arrival

\$45 total

Includes 2 nights, 3 meals Saturday, 1 meal Sunday

If you have questions please call:

Co:Directors—Dola Dudley (919-934-6160)

Becky Jo Sumner (919-332-2772 or 919-332-6810)

Mail Registration fee and the form below to:

Mrs. Alice Barrow

Route 2, Box 375

Snow Hill, NC 28580

### Registration for MORNING STAR

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Amount sent \$ \_\_\_\_\_





## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE 1991

### **MORNING STAR**

April 5-7  
Mrs. Alice Barrow  
Route 2, Box 375  
Snow Hill, NC 28580  
(919) 747-3688

### **JUNE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY**

June 10-15  
Mrs. Alice Barrow  
Route 2, Box 375  
Snow Hill, NC 28580  
(919) 747-3688

### **MINISTER'S CONFERENCE**

June 17-20  
Phillip Boykin  
Route 5, Box 177  
Dunn, NC 28334  
(919) 892-8360

### **CHRISTIAN CADET**

June 24-29  
Gary Bailey  
112 Crosswinds Drive  
Goldsboro, NC 27530  
(919) 735-3916

### **YOUTH FRONTIER (YFA)**

July 1-6  
Scott and Janie Sowers  
Route 1, Box 106-B  
Farmville, NC 27828  
(919) 753-4260

### **YOUTH FRONTIER (AFC)**

July 8-13  
Doug Skinner  
804 Cooper Street  
Winterville, NC 28590  
(919) 756-0520

### **GENERAL YOUTH II**

July 15-20  
Chris Singleton  
Box 162  
Beulaville, NC 28518  
(919) 298-3520

### **GENERAL YOUTH I**

July 22-27  
Bryant Hines  
Box 266  
Cove City, NC 28523  
(919) 633-2683

### **YOUNG PEOPLE'S BIBLE**

July 29—August 3  
James Gurganus  
Route 3, Box 64  
Newport, NC 28570  
(919) 223-5251

### **AUGUST WOMAN'S AUXILIARY**

August 5-10  
Mrs. Alice Barrow  
Route 2, Box 375  
Snow Hill, NC 28580  
(919) 747-3688

### **FALL LIMITED EDITION**

October 14-17  
Cragmont Assembly  
1233 North Fork Road  
Black Mountain, NC 28711  
(704) 669-7677

### **CRAGMONT CLUB I**

October 18-20  
Cragmont Assembly  
1233 North Fork Road  
Black Mountain, NC 28711  
(704) 669-7677

### **CRAGMONT CLUB II**

October 25-27  
Cragmont Assembly  
1233 North Fork Road  
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### **CORNERSTONE**

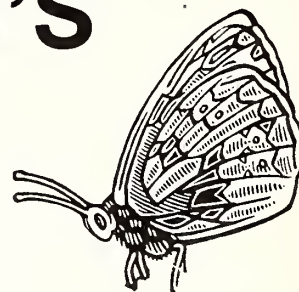
November 29—December 1  
Mrs. Alice Barrow  
Route 2, Box 375  
Snow Hill, NC 28580  
(919) 747-3688

### **CHRISTMAS LIMITED EDITION**

December 6-8  
Cragmont Assembly  
1233 North Fork Road  
Black Mountain, NC 28711  
(704) 669-7677



# SUMMER WOMEN'S CONFERENCE



## June Women's Conference

June 10-15, 1991

The Bible teachers for the June conference will be our missionary couple, Willem and Lydia van der Plas.

## August Women's Conference

August 5-10, 1991

(Remember: there **will not** be a second Women's Conference in August.)

Make plans now to attend one or both of the conferences.

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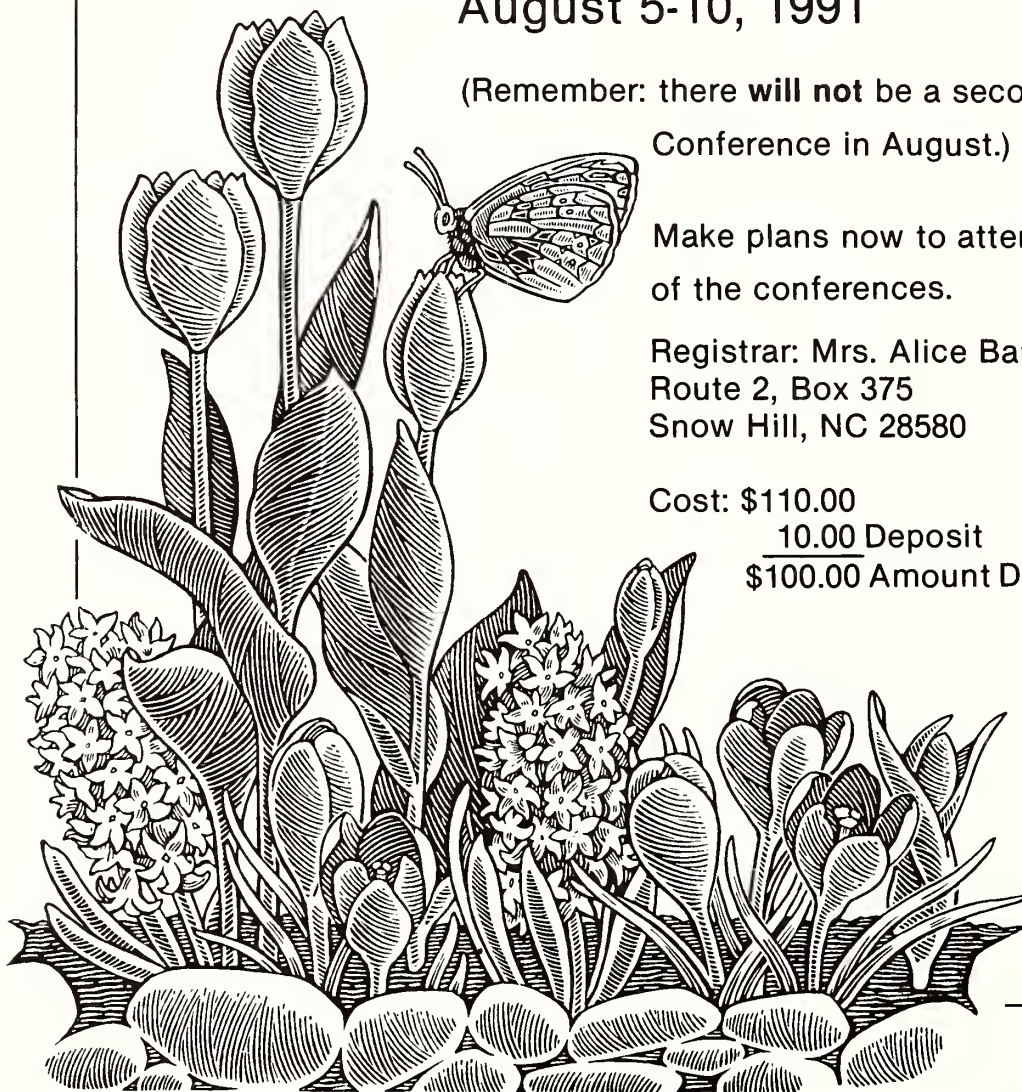
Cost: \$110.00

10.00 Deposit

\$100.00 Amount Due on Arrival

Different special mini-activities are planned for both weeks.

During both weeks we plan a trip to Cherokee, NC, to do some sight-seeing and to attend the outdoor drama "Unto These Hills." We also will do some shopping in the Black Mountain area.





# TOUCHING LIVES FOR A LIFETIME

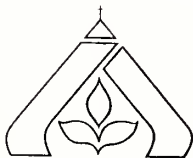
## HOME MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM

April 28, 1991

Home Missions and Evangelism Sunday

Life changing events are happening everywhere . . . H'mong youth at summer camp in California . . . church planting in North Carolina, California and Florida . . . hearing impaired youth camp . . . Spanish worship service for migrants . . . church for the deaf . . . and church growth seminars for established churches . . . all within the observance of Original Free Will Baptists.

Today, more than ever, your church has the opportunity to help others "Hear the Word of the Lord." On Sunday, April 28, 1991, every Original Free Will Baptist Church is being asked to have special prayer and receive an offering to help us continue to "touch lives for a lifetime." You can make a difference in the lives of all ages when you participate in the ministries of Home Missions and Evangelism.



**Home Missions and Evangelism**  
**OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST**  
Box 39, Ayden, NC 28513; (919) 746-4963

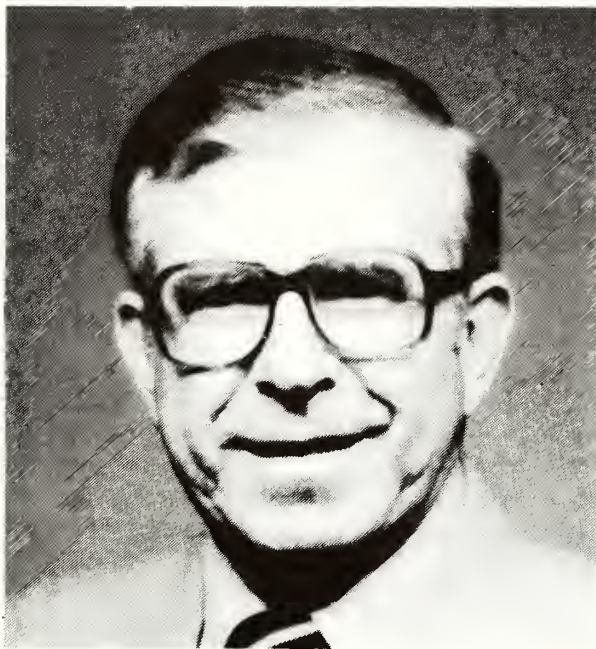


# Mount Olive College Press

## *Luncheon*

**Tuesday, March 26, 1991  
12:30 p.m., Olive Room,  
Downtown Campus  
Mount Olive College**

## **Meet the Author**



***Light for Living:  
Personal Insights for  
Daily Devotions***

**by  
Ray K. Hodge  
Smithfield, North Carolina**

**... meditations of a Southern Baptist  
minister, reflecting experiences gained from 40  
years as a pastor and 32 years as a U.S. Army  
Chaplain widely traveled in the West and the East.**

**Autographed copies of this book will be available at the Luncheon.**

----- **Detach and Return** -----

### **Reply Form**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I plan to attend the Mount Olive College Press Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 26, 1991,  
in The Olive Room, Downtown Campus. There will be \_\_\_\_\_ in my party at \$5.00 each. Enclosed  
is my check for \_\_\_\_\_.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please Mail to:

Mount Olive College Press

Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365

(919) 658-2502, Ext. 3035

Reservations *must* be received by March 18, 5:00 p.m.

*(All Friends of Mount Olive College are Invited.)*



# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE PRESS

Project EAST, initiated in February 1990 as "a center for regional self-examination," announces the creation of the Mount Olive College Press as one of the educational services available through the College. As an outgrowth of Project EAST, the Mount Olive College Press seeks to bring permanence to the voice of our people. Eastern North Carolina has a richness of experience yet to be expressed. The establishment of a regional press offers these writers a publishing process.

The Mount Olive College Press commits itself to publishing books of value that reflect the spirit, the vision, and the creativity of eastern North Carolina. The Press is a regional resource to record the memories, the feelings, and life experiences of our people.

At its Premiere on Tuesday evening November 27, 1990, at College Hall, the Mount Olive College Press presented two publications, Lee Davenport Witte's *Levora* and Pepper Worthington's *Travels With Dr. Pepper*. Both Mrs. Witte and Dr. Worthington are eastern North Carolina writers. The publication of a book of poetry and a collection of travel essays illustrates the diversity the Press seeks. Mrs. Witte and Dr. Worthington participated in library, radio, and television programs during the inaugural week.

## Spring Press Week Events

March 26 - March 27, 1991

<b>March 26</b>	<i>Carolina Today</i> , 7:40 a.m. WNCT-TV Channel 9 Interview: Ray Hodge	<b>March 27</b>	Jack Hankins Show, 8:00 a.m. WELS, Kinston Interview: Ray Hodge
<b>March 26</b>	Luncheon, 12:30 p.m. The Olive Room, Downtown Campus Mount Olive College	<b>March 27</b>	Gala Event, 6:30 p.m. First Baptist Church Kinston, North Carolina

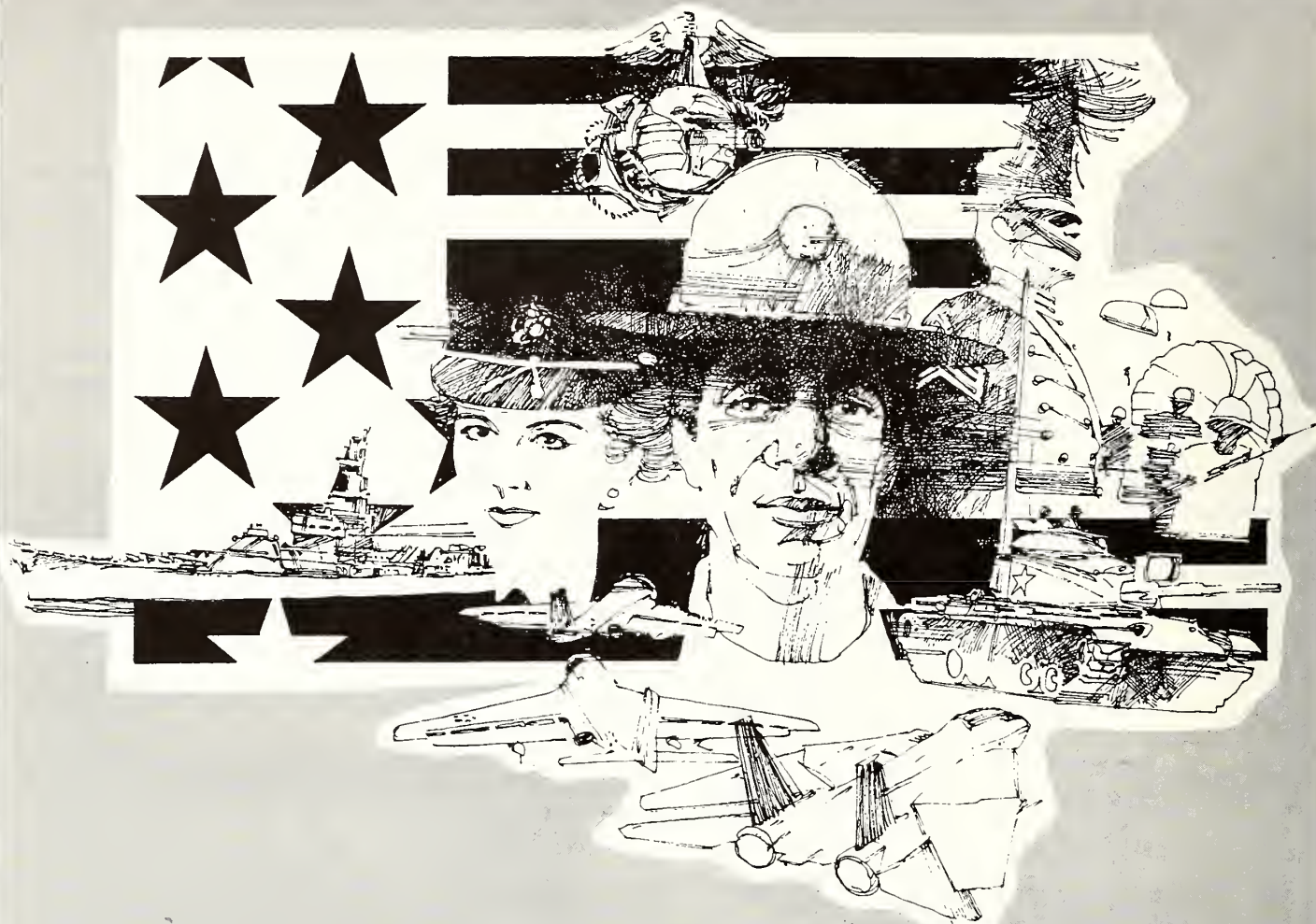
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## PRAY FOR THOSE IN PERSIAN GULF

As the final days of the Persian Gulf war may be approaching, readers are urged to continue in prayer. Pray—at least once a day—for those involved in all phases of the conflict.

Remember to pray for:

- the families of those who die in battle
- those captured and made hostages, as well as those who become prisoners of war
- those missing in action
- those fighting in battle and those participating in the support systems (that their lives might be saved)
- the families of those stationed in the Persian Gulf area

Churches are encouraged to prepare a list of names of those related to their congregation or community. Distribute the list among the membership. Remember to call each soldier by name when going to God in prayer.

Support persons or groups should be organized to assist the families with military persons in the war area. A special plan should be prepared ahead of time to minister to those who receive news of the death, capture or missing status of their loved ones (adapted from appeal found in *The Biblical Recorder*).



## DESERT STORM

Desert Shield, now Desert Storm,  
We still are on our plight.  
But now we know that Jesus keeps us,  
Through the day and night.

He's with us in the valleys,  
And on the highest hill.  
As He has said, He's with us,  
As we are in His will.

Now we are in this rumored war,  
And though we have some fear,  
We know that as He promised us,  
He is very near.

He reaches down and holds each hand,  
Although in war our people stand.  
We know that He will see us through.  
He'll lead us, guide us, and renew,  
The trust and faith we know is true.

Our government, our troops uphold,  
Not for fame or wealth untold,  
But that our world may reach its goal,  
Of peace on earth good will toward men,  
And safety be restored again.

Now for each one within this "sin,"  
We ask God's blessings once again.  
That He will keep them safe and spare each life,  
And keep each in His care.

Dear Lord, we give this war to you,  
And know that you will see us through.  
We pray, Lord, for our enemy,  
And ask that they may plainly see,  
That all this strife is needlessly.

And Lord we ask that from up there,  
You keep this war within your care.  
Hold on each hand, and hear each prayer,  
'till we are safe with you up there.

Desert Storm, way over there,  
We know that you are in God's Care.

—Chris Dwiggins

Perhaps as no other region in the United States, the eastern part of North Carolina identifies with Operation Desert Storm. There is hardly a congregation in this area that is not personally affected. Men and women with whom we have worshiped weekly have been engaged in the conflict. Sons, fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and cousins (as well as their female counterparts) have been activated. Stories about the boy or girl next door are readily available. And the question is often asked, "Have you heard from \_\_\_\_\_ lately?"

Growing up in a military town like Fayetteville, NC, makes a young boy like Chris Dwiggins more keenly aware of the true ramifications of what is happening "over there." I believe you will find this poem inspiring, as Chris looks to the Divine for assurance.—The Editor



## **CAN YOU FIND THEM?**

Elisha, the prophet, stopped at the home of a Shunammite woman and her husband to eat a meal. The woman realized that Elisha was "a holy man of God" and wanted to help him in some way. So, she and her husband decided to prepare a room in their house for Elisha to use whenever he passed by.

One day when Elisha stopped by, he went into his room to rest. While there, he and his servant, Gehazi, discussed what could be done to repay the Shunammite woman for her kindness to them. When Gehazi told Elisha that the woman had no children and that her husband was old, Elisha called for the woman and told her that she would have a son. Months later, the child was born, just as Elisha had said.

A few years later, the boy went out one day to the field to tell his father that his head hurt very badly. He was taken to his mother who held him on her knees until noon. He then died. The mother took her dead son to Elisha's room and laid him on the bed. She asked her husband to have a donkey saddled so she and a servant could ride out to find Elisha. After finding him at Mount Carmel, the woman told Elisha that her son had died. Elisha gave Gehazi his staff and told him to go quickly to the home of the Shunammite woman and to lay the staff on the boy's face so that he might live again. After Gehazi had done as Elisha said, however, the boy was still dead.

Elisha and the boy's mother soon arrived. Elisha went immediately to his room where the boy was lying on the bed. Elisha shut the door to the room and prayed. He then stretched himself out upon the boy's body until the boy became warm again. A little while later, Elisha stretched himself out upon the child's body again. This time the boy sneezed seven times and opened his eyes. Elisha called for the mother and told her the good news—her son was alive again! The mother was so thankful that she bowed herself at Elisha's feet and then happily picked up her son from Elisha's bed.

Underline in the story:

1. The sentence in the second paragraph that states a miracle.
2. The sentence in the last paragraph that states a miracle.
3. The name of God's prophet.
4. The name of Elisha's servant.
5. The number of times the boy sneezed.
6. The word that tells what Elisha did just before he laid upon the boy's body.



## A PEOPLE GIVEN TO VARIETY

by C. H. Overman, General Secretary

A few years ago when tobacco farmers in southeastern U. S. and particularly in North Carolina were faced with reductions in tobacco poundage, and thus a drop in farm income, the advice given to them from agricultural specialists was to diversify. In other words, farmers were advised to turn to other types of farm production rather than to continue with such a heavy reliance on tobacco. It was, in most instances, sound advice. Farmers turned to swine production, poultry production, vegetable production, etc. In short, diversification was "in" and proved to be beneficial. It has been said that variety is the spice of life, and that's what diversification is.

Over the years I have often pondered the thought, "When does variety or diversification cease to be productive?" When we make the application to our denomination, what do we see? We are a people of variety—there are many types of us, just as you find in other denominations. This diversification is also evident in our organization and makeup. Over the years we have contentedly said that this has been a "good thing." When we look at our lack of growth, however, we begin to wonder. Our growth in recent years has been most evident in administrative areas and particularly in the growth and expansion of our ministries. As demands in these areas have continued to increase, our percentage of base support coming from our churches is being stretched rather thin simply because our membership growth has not kept pace.

### Proper Focus

In periods of growth in church membership, the focus has been

basically on soul-winning. Church leaders were prompted by the command of Christ to "be witnesses." It is our belief that this must still be the focal point of each and every phase of our organization and work. In connection with that comes the "ministering" to others through our various programs and outreach. If there is too much diversification, however, we can then lose our focus and organization becomes cumbersome.

### Just How Unique?

Free Will Baptists have their uniqueness. Regarding our organizational structure, this seems especially true. We are indeed diversified. There is no lack of organization. Consider: we have our committees, boards, commissions, conferences, conventions, unions, etc., and these include district levels as well as the state level. On the state level we have: the Woman's Auxiliary Convention, the Free Will Baptist League Convention, the Layman's League Convention, and the Convention of Churches. We have seven conferences belonging to the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, including the seven Woman's Auxiliary District Conventions. Then there's the various Unions which come under each conference.

Our history reveals a rather unique development. Conferences came first. As churches were organized there arose the need for district gatherings of churches. Thus the annual conference was born, and to these conferences the churches delegated certain powers, such as the ordaining of ministers as well as certain regulations regarding the churches. Thus, we have set forth that the "... Annual Conference is the highest ecclesiastical tribunal, deriving its power from its member churches, which shall have final disciplinary authority

over its member churches and ministers. The description of this authority is *The Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists (of the English General Baptist Heritage)*.

Our oldest conference was organized over two hundred and forty years ago, which is the Central. The State Convention, which is now simply the "Convention of Original Free Will Baptist Churches," was not organized until 1913, "... for the purpose of extending the denominational program. It is a coordinating body working for the cooperation of the churches, conferences, ministers, and institutions of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina" (*Articles of Faith*).

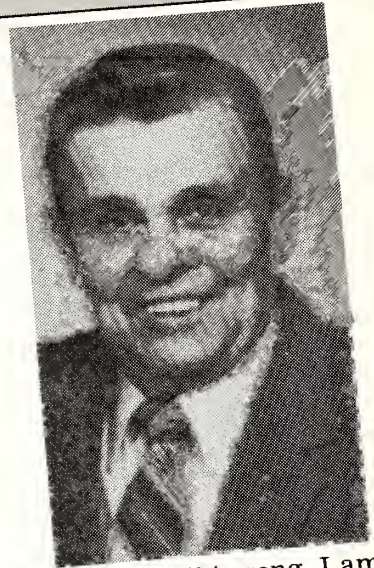
When one looks at each of our conferences with their various boards and committees, etc., along with the other corporate bodies, we must agree that we have the structure to carry us on to great growth and heights. Consider also that we also have our youth convention and conferences. These, however do not fall under the Convention of Churches, but under the work and bounds of the Woman's Auxiliary Conventions and the auxiliaries in the various churches. Thus we have our various youth organizations on the local church and conference levels.

Is anything missing in our variety of organization? What about the area of training which provides us with the opportunity of "bringing up" Free Will Baptists to know something about our organization, beliefs, ministries, biblical, and doctrinal views. (I have written about this before.) Could it be that in our diversified organization, we have neglected the most important aspect? With the decline of the Free Will Baptist League, we have missed out on perhaps our greatest opportunity. (More later.)



Quite a few years ago, singer Amy Grant popularized a song entitled, "Father's Eyes." It began like this:

I may not be every mother's dream for her little girl,  
My face may not grace the mind of everyone in the world.  
But that's all right as long as I can have one wish I pray,  
When people look inside of me I want to hear them say,  
"She's got her father's eyes, her father's eyes,  
Eyes that find the good in things, when good is not around,  
Eyes that find the source of help when help just can't be found,  
Eyes full of compassion, seeing every pain,  
Knowing what you're going through and feelin' it the same  
Just like my Father's eyes . . ."



Well, I can surely identify with the sentiments and feelings of the writer of this song. I am not the image of the perfect daughter many people would hope for. I did not play with dolls; I preferred to put model cars together. When some were inside doing more feminine things, I preferred to be outside, often playing in nearby ditches with the boys in the neighborhood. And, when many little girls were with their mothers, I could often be found drinking coffee with my daddy.

No father in the world could have been prouder of his little girl than was my father. He tolerated music recitals, bought many tubes of paint, studied with me and often added, "I don't know how they are working this Math these days, but this IS the right answer." Every night he would tuck me into bed, read the Bible and pray with me. Every night this was our practice, up to the time that he remarried and moved out. My father was so proud of me that my *college* grades could often be found in his wallet.

When someone special, like my father, passes from this life to the next, we hurt. Not because we don't know where they are, for I am confident about my father's faith. But because there is an absence in our lives. You, my church family, my brothers and sisters, have helped to make this time in my life much more bearable. You have reached out and touched me at my innermost pains. You have offered shoulders upon which I could cry—and I have. You have sent flowers—many of them. You have expressed your concerns by means of cards and gifts. You have made sure my family's physical needs were met by sending some of the best food on the face of the earth. You have been there when there was nothing any of us could say. You have called to make sure we were all doing okay. You have made memorial gifts. And you have prayed. I do not have the words to express my gratitude. All I can say is "Thank you." I count it a privilege to call you my friends; and I hope I can be worthy of that honor.

Please remember us as we continue to deal with this time in our lives. And join us in thanking God for giving to us such a man as my father, Cleveland Odell Jones, for when you see me, you see him. He made me what I am today—of course I helped a little.

With lots of Christian love, I remain your sister and friend,

Janie



JOTS & TITTLES is a new monthly feature that highlights regional, national, and world news events from a Christian perspective.

## RIGHT TO DIE OR MURDER?

On December 14, a Missouri judge granted a ruling that let Joe and Joyce Cruzan disconnect the feeding tube that kept their 33-year-old daughter Nancy alive.

In the days leading up to her death December 26, pro-life leaders from across the nation who say they took the onset of legalized abortion-on-demand in 1973 "lying down" pledged not to make the same mistake when it comes to the sanctity of life and euthanasia.

Pro-life leaders, including Operation Rescue founder Randall Terry, kept a vigil outside the Missouri Rehabilitation Center in Mt. Vernon, MO., some braving below-freezing temperatures as they prayed all night in front of the state hospital.

They brought out some little-known facts about Ms. Cruzan's physical state contrary to the general misconception that she was "a vegetable." Cruzan actually was aware of her surroundings, could see and hear, smiled at amusing stories and wept when visitors left her bedside, they say.

Andrew Burnett, an Operation Rescue spokesman who said demonstrators came from as far as Oregon to participate in the vigil, also expressed concern that this right-to-die ruling will open the door for wide acceptance of euthanasia in this country.

Joe Foreman, an Atlanta-based activist, charged that criminals in Missouri "get more protection than Nancy Cruzan did."

—The Christian World Report

## "IN GOD WE TRUST" BANNED

LOUISVILLE, KY.—The Jefferson County school board here

has refused to display plaques bearing the USA's motto, "In God We Trust," and the preamble of the Kentucky Constitution, which thanks "Almighty God for the civil, political and religious liberties we enjoy."

Despite a ruling to the contrary by the Kentucky State Superintendent of Education, the board said it fears a "constitutional challenge."

—Religious Rights Watch, December '90

## CHRISTIAN COUNSELOR FIRED FOR PRAYING WITH PATIENTS

WINCHESTER, VA—A Christian counselor was fired from a state-supported home for the mentally disabled for leading a Bible study with his patients.

Tim Callahan was dismissed from the Shenandoah Valley Independent Living Center because he refused to disband the Bible study.

"You are requested to stop involving participants in your Bible study. Failure to do so will result in my recommendation for immediate dismissal," said Sharon Wonn, Mr. Callahan's supervisor, in reprimanding him. Callahan continued the Bible study and was then fired (*Religious Rights Watch*, Vol. 2, No. 1).

The Shenandoah Center has been receiving protests from across the nation from concerned Christians. Whether legal action will be taken has not yet been announced.

—The Christian World Report

## FAREWELL TO GRANDPARENTS

When parents divorce, chances are that the children will never see their paternal grandparents again. In a recent study, British researchers Janet Finch and Jennifer Mason investigated grandparent-grandchild relationships after divorce.

They discovered contrary to "common-sense" expectations, that "grandparent-grandchild relationships" were a "relatively minor consideration" for the "majority" of the divorced mothers they interviewed.

In many cases, "the link between grandparent and grandchild seems to have been 'lost' as an inevitable consequence of (the divorced mother's) wanting to sever all ties with the former spouse. Having no further contact with one's former in-laws was part of that and, in cases where there was a strong desire to (sever ties with the former spouse), the position of grandparents did not represent a sufficiently strong counter-vailing force to cause contact to be maintained."

Because of the birth dearth, grandparents today have relatively few grandchildren. This new study suggests that in our time of epidemic divorce, grandparents will often lose touch with even the few grandchildren they do have.

(Source: Janet Finch and Jennifer Mason, "Divorce, Remarriage and Family Obligations," *Sociological Review* 38, 1990: 231-234.)

## GLAMORIZED EVIL

Singer Pat Boone, who has helped a number of Christian musicians get their start, recently stated: "Heavy metal musicians have moved beyond depravity and degradation to inhumanity."

"It is unthinkable that this lifestyle can be not only excused but glamorized. I just cringe at it. I think 2 Live Crew members are criminals. They've been breaking the laws of decency."

—The Christian World Report

## NARAL NEWSLETTER MOCKS CHRISTIANITY

The Winter '90 issue of the *National Abortion Rights Action League* (NARAL) Newsletter

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contains lyrics irreverently mocking Christian hymns and Christmas carols such as "Amazing Choice" (to be sung to the tune of "Amazing Grace") and "We Wish You a Safe Abortion" ("We Wish You a Merry Christmas").

Some of the lyrics evidencing the sad state of the pro-abortion mentality include: "Amazing choice that is our right/For now and evermore/It won't be lost because we'll fight./To clear the clinic door/The bullies try to make us fear/But women stand up strong/For choice, the right that we hold dear/We'll right their every wrong."

—The Christian World Report

### **SCHOOL NATIVITY SCENE DEFENDED**

SAN BENITO, TX—A decision by local school Superintendent Miguel de los Santos to strip all public school classrooms of Christmas nativity scenes here sparked a strong protest by the Texas Christian Coalition.

On December 7, de los Santos reversed his former decision because of adverse community reactions as well.

School board attorney Ruben Pena had advised the school district that the display of nativity scenes violated various Supreme Court ruling (*Valley Morning Star*).

### **GOP TO RETAIN PROLIFE PLANK**

WASHINGTON, DC—A group of pro-life Republicans has announced plans to ask GOP office-holders to sign a pledge reaffirming the party's stand against abortion.

The drive by the newly-formed Republican National Coalition for Life is intended to counter another group that is working to change the Republican party platform's pro-life plank to pro-abortion.

—The Christian World Report

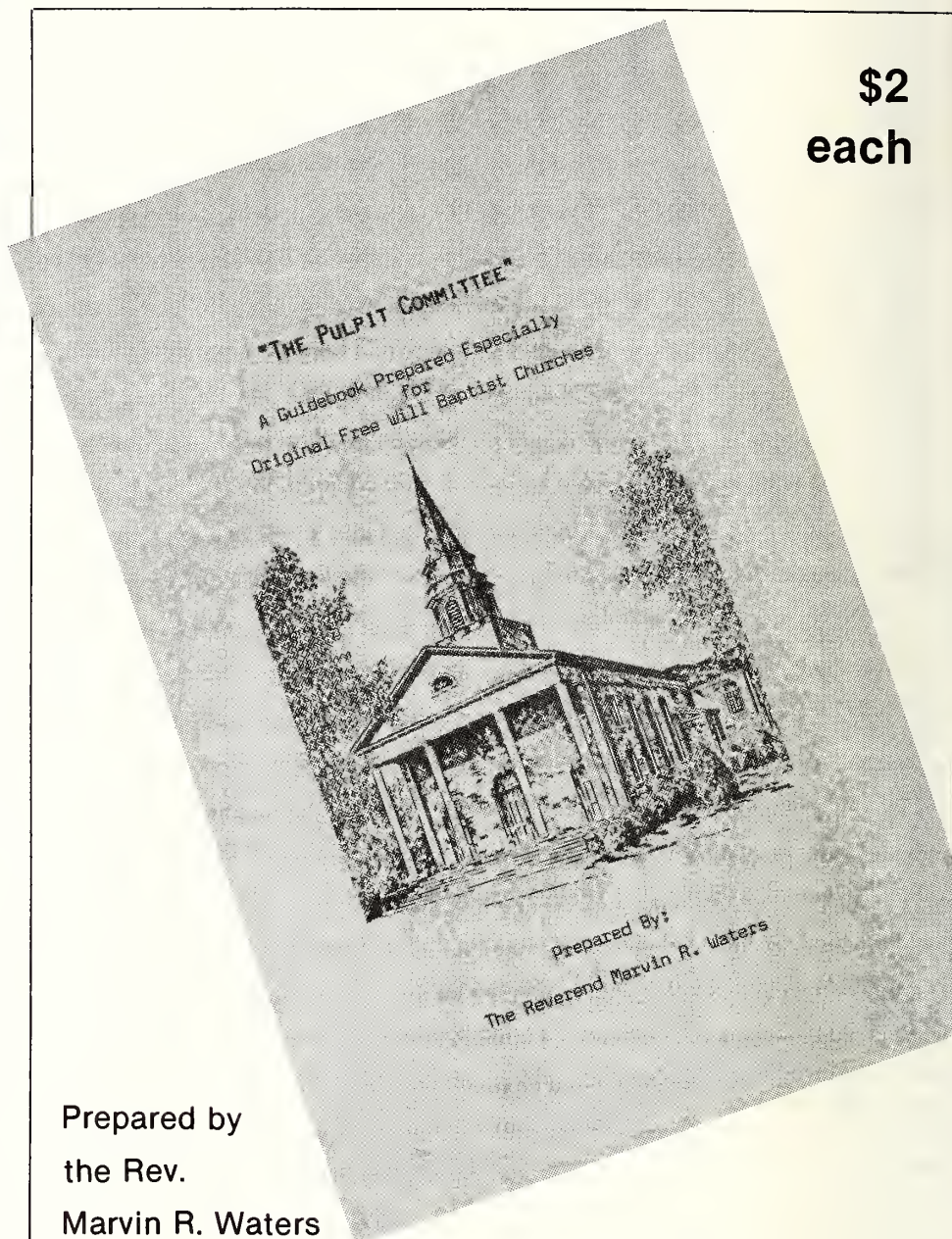
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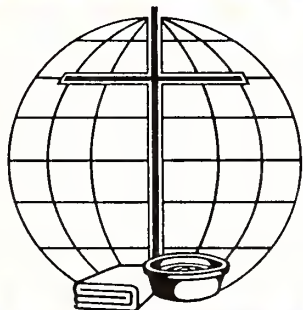


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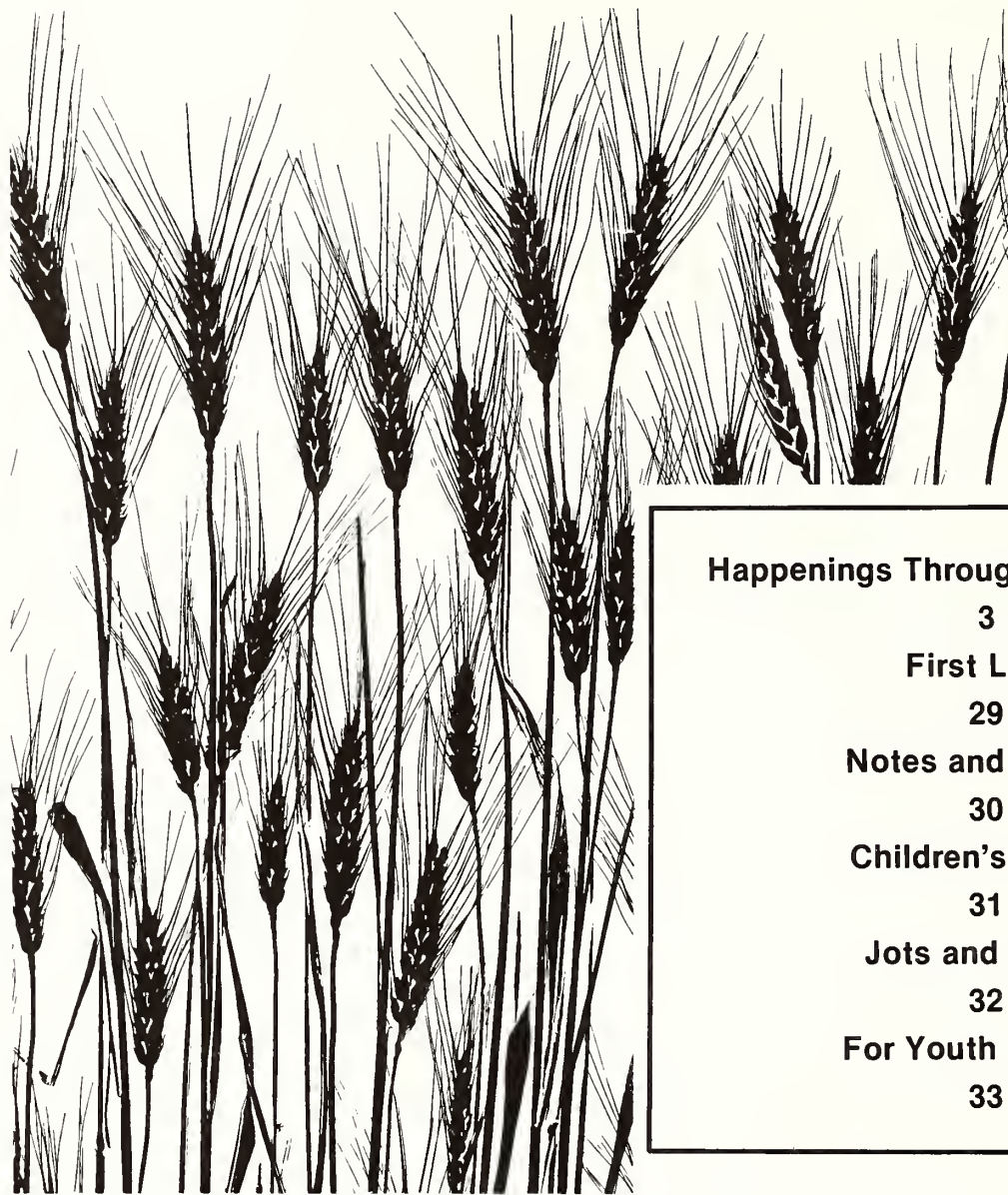


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## MS. BECKY JO SUMNER HONORED

by Marilyn Carter

February 10, 1991, was a very special day at Hickory Chapel Church, Ahoskie. The day was set aside to honor Ms. Becky Jo Sumner for her many years of service to our church as Youth Chairman. The day of recognition was planned as a "surprise" event. Becky has served as Youth Chairman for the past 20 years and has spent many hours teaching our youth.

The day began with the Rev. Robert May, pastor, reading from John 12:26, "If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honor." He then asked Becky Jo to come forward and stand at the front of the church. He announced that this day had been set aside to honor her for her dedication and unselfish giving of her time to teach our youth over the past 20 years. She said, "This is only the second time in my life that I have been speechless."

Fran Overton stepped forward and gave the history of some of her accomplishments over the past 20 years. Becky Jo began her college education at Mount Olive College. While she was there, she was on the Dean's List and also visited many churches during that time as a spokesman for the College. She also was selected "Outstanding Young Woman of America" while she was a student at Mount Olive. She completed her education at Campbell College, where she graduated with honors. After graduation, Becky came back to Hertford County to begin her teaching career. She has taught in the public school system for the past 21 years. Becky has devoted her life to teaching young people, the youth of her church, youth in her school, and youth from all over the state of North Carolina.



Sara Willoughby (right) presents Becky Jo a Life Membership Award.

Becky is also dedicated to other denominational ministries as well. She served as State Youth Chairman for 4 years. While in that capacity, the Convention grew from a one-day convention to a week-end convention. She has served in the Albemarle District Woman's Auxiliary in several positions and has written programs and installations for the Woman's Auxiliary *Devotion*. She was named recipient of the Distinguished Service Award for her service in professional, church and civic activities from Mount Olive College. Presently, she still works with our youth, teaches a League class and also teaches the Young Adult Sunday School Class.

She has resigned as Youth Chairman to enter other areas of ministry within our Free Will Baptist denomination, although she still works with some of our youth for the upcoming State Youth Convention.

To mention all she has done over these many years would take more space than we have, but it goes without saying that Cragmont is very dear to her heart. Her love and commitment to Cragmont is so very special to her. She spends all of her summers at Cragmont, not only as a

volunteer staff member, but also as co-director of the Women's Summer Conferences, as well as the Morning Star Conference in the spring, and Cornerstone in the fall. These conferences in themselves take a lot of dedication, work and creativity, but she loves every minute of it. Summer camp for the youth at Hickory Chapel would not be the same without Becky Jo, for we know when we put our children on that bus, when they get there, they have a second "parent" looking after them during their week at camp. She takes care of all their needs, whether it be emotional, spiritual or financial. She makes sure their week at camp is a joyful one.

After Fran gave Becky's accomplishments, Sara Willoughby presented her with the Lifetime Auxiliary Membership pin and certificate for her commitment and dedication to the Woman's Auxiliary. Billy Dilday, chairman of the Board of Deacons, then presented her with a plaque from the church, thanking her for the blessing she has been in serving our youth. Dianne Riley, from Mount Olive College, presented special music for the morning service. She sang "Amazing Grace" and "I've Never Been So Homesick Before," two of Becky's favorite songs. Mr. May then preached a message on servanthood, which complemented this special service of the day.

Many of Becky's special friends from as close as Ahoskie and as far away as Black Mountain were there to celebrate the occasion with her. After the worship service there was a buffet luncheon, at the home of Sara Willoughby for Becky and her guests. The afternoon was spent with fun and fellowship with special friends. After the evening worship service, there was a reception in Becky's honor, in which she was presented a "Book of Memories"

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The Rev. Robert May, pastor of Hickory Chapel Church, surprises Becky Jo.



Mrs. Sudie May presents Becky Jo a Bible.



Friends from far and near joined in the celebration. Pictured here are (left to right) Merilyn Carter, Sandra Jones, Sara Willoughby, Phyllis Stone, Becky Jo, Rose Parker, Arlinda Williams, Teresa Ball, and Ann Dilday.



Becky Jo and Fran Overton.



Many of Becky Jo's friends joined her at a reception that evening.



Becky Jo was presented a book of memories.

to remind her of her special day, with notes, cards, pictures, etc. from friends across the state of North Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. May also presented her with a Bible.





Billy Dilday presents a plaque to Becky Jo from the church.

Refreshments were provided by members of the Sudie May Auxiliary. Hickory Chapel appreciates and loves Becky Jo for her service to the Lord Jesus Christ through our youth and adults alike and hope that this special day will be a lasting memory for her. February 10, 1991, will forever hold lasting memories for us who had a part in it, and we do declare that this day honoring her will be a day never forgotten. We hope as she endeavors to serve her Lord in other capacities within the denomination, her efforts will be as profitable as those that have been accomplished over the past 20 years of her ministry to our youth.

#### **BAKERS AVAILABLE FOR PASTORATE**

Fred and Linda Baker will return to North Carolina in June of this year. They will not be returning to the Philippines and have expressed their desire to enter the pastorate upon arriving in North Carolina. Any church interested in contacting them can call the Rev. C. H. Overman, who is our General Secretary. He will give you the information you need. This is one of the many functions of the General Secretary (phone 919-746-4963).

#### **ALBEMARLE WOMEN SCHEDULE MEETING**

Sound Side Church, Columbia, NC, will be the site of the Spring Albemarle District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, scheduled for Saturday, April 13. "Commitment to Spreading the Gospel" and Mark 16:15 will serve as the Convention theme and Scripture.

The scheduled program is as follows:

##### **MORNING SESSION**

- 9:45—Registration
- 10:00—Hymn, "Bring Them In"  
—Devotion, Becky Jo Sumner
- 10:15—Welcome, Victoria Cooper  
—Response, Lew Ellen Parker  
—President's Greeting, Eunice Sexton  
—Recognition of Ministers and Visitors  
—Appointment of Committees
- 10:30—Reading of Minutes, Secretary, Cheryl Williams  
—Roll Call of Auxiliaries
- 10:45—Reports from Free Will Baptist Ministries  
—Missions, Home and Foreign  
—Offering for Missions  
—Retirement Homes  
—Children's Home  
—Offering for Children's Home  
—Hymn, "Send the Light"
- 11:25—Special Music, Cheryl Williams
- 11:30—Message, The Rev. Paul Grubbs
- 12:00—Lunch

##### **AFTERNOON SESSION**

- 1:00—Lesson Presentations, AFC and YFA District Winners  
—Public Speaking, AFC and YFA District Winners  
—Christian Writing, AFC and YFA District Winners  
—Talent, CA, AFC, and YFA District Winners
- 1:45—Mount Olive College News  
—Cragmont News
- 2:00—Free Will Baptist Press News  
—Board of Ministers Report
- 2:20—Youth Report, Ann Collier/Kathy Cahoon  
—Committee Reports  
—Announcement of Next Convention  
—Miscellaneous Business  
—Reflections, Florence Furlough  
—Benediction and Adjournment

##### **CHURCH AVAILABLE**

Bridgeton Church is in need of a pastor. Interested ministers should contact Tommy French, Box 12, Bridgeton, NC 28519; phone, (919) 637-6857.

#### **AUXILIARY MAKES GIFTS**

Sunday, February 24, was a special day at First Church, Wilson. The Woman's Auxiliary honored one of its members by presenting her a Life Membership Award. They also presented a gift of \$1,000 to John Williams, manager of Cragmont, to be applied to the Jubilee Program, to help retire the indebtedness at Cragmont by 1996.

Before presenting the Life Award to Gerry Whitley, Eunice Boykin, Auxiliary president, remarked that Gerry had been an Auxiliary member since 1967. She is faithful in attendance at her circle and Auxiliary meetings. She is very devoted to all phases of the Auxiliary work.

On behalf of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Boykin presented Gerry the Life Membership Award Certificate and pin, which was attached to the Auxiliary pin given to her by her husband, Howard. She expressed love and appreciation to Gerry for her commitment to the threefold purpose of the Auxiliary: devotion, missions, and service. Mrs. Boykin encouraged Gerry to wear her pin with pride and to continue to seek opportunities to serve the Lord. Special music was presented by Alta Howell, who sang "Here I Am."

Before the Cragmont presentation, Mrs. Boykin recognized the members of the Auxiliary and shared a few remarks about their dedication and commitment. She noted that once the Auxiliary decided to participate in the Jubilee Program, everyone got busy. Projects were planned and within two months they had surpassed their goal of \$1,000. She emphasized that this did not surprise them because the Woman's Auxiliary's Watchword, Philipians 4:13, says, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

In making the presentation to John, she said, "John, on behalf of the Woman's Auxiliary of First Free Will Baptist Church of  
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Eunice Boykin, Woman's Auxiliary president, presenting Life Membership Award to Gerry Whitley.



Presentation of check to John Williams for the Jubilee Program at Cragmont by Eunice Boykin, WA president.

Wilson, I present you this check for \$1,000 to be applied to the Jubilee Program, to help retire the indebtedness at Cragmont. May God bless you as you continue your work in the ministry."

Accepting the check, John thanked the Auxiliary and expressed his appreciation for their continuous support of Cragmont. He also said that state-wide the Woman's Auxiliary gave more to the support of Cragmont than any

other organization in our denomination.

The Woman's Auxiliary of Wilson, First Church, challenges all Woman's Auxiliaries and all other organizations of the Free Will Baptist denomination to make a pledge to the Jubilee Program to enable the Cragmont ministry to retire the indebtedness.

John Williams brought greetings from Cragmont and also delivered the message.

## WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Sixty-fourth Annual Session of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention will be held on May 9 at East Rockingham Church, Rockingham, NC. The Convention theme will be "To Be True Servants" and John 12:26 has been selected as the Theme Scripture.

The scheduled program is as follows:

### MORNING SESSION

- 9:30—Registration
- 10:00—Hymn, "Love Divine"
  - Prayer for the Success of the Convention
  - Welcome, President of Piedmont Conference
  - Response
  - Announcements/Directions, President of East Rockingham Church Auxiliary
  - President's Greetings
  - Business Sessions
- 10:30—Hymn, Theme Song, "O, Jesus, I Have Promised"
  - Morning Message, Lydia van der Plas
  - Special Music
- 11:10—Memorial Service
  - Special Music
- 11:30—Life Membership
- 11:40—Hymn, "Make Me a Channel of Blessing"
  - Morning Offering
  - Appointment of Special Committees
  - Special Recognition of Denominational Representatives
- 12:00—Lunch Announcement
  - Benediction

### AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Theme Song, "O, Jesus, I Have Promised"
  - Devotions, Marie Holmes
  - Special Music
- 1:30—Miscellaneous Business
  - Reports
  - Hymn, "It Is Well With My Soul"
  - Benediction

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## **MONTH OF SPECIAL ENRICHMENT SERVICES AT NORTHEAST**

April is Family Enrichment and Spiritual Growth Month at Northeast Church, Mount Olive, NC. The series of special activities will include a visiting speaker each Sunday during April at the eleven o'clock morning worship. Other special activities are scheduled throughout the month.

Dr. Eugene Sumner, of Raleigh, will begin the special month of services on Sunday, April 7, during the 11 a.m. worship service. The Raleigh resident is professor and chairman of the Sociology Department of Meredith College; a member of the Eastern Conference of Original Free Will Baptists and the Board of Trustees of Mount Olive College. The Rev. Dr. Sumner will lead off the special series with the subject, "The Church: An Exciting Relationship in the New Age Domino." Special activities will be featured in the Sunday School and the young people's departments during the month.

The Rev. Richard Hunt, chaplain of Wayne Memorial Hospital, will be the guest minister on Sunday, April 14. The hospital chaplain's subject will be "Family Relationships and Planting Seeds of a Lifetime for

the Whole Person." The hospital chaplain is a Southern Baptist minister, and a graduate of Averett College, Danville, VA, and Southeastern Seminary of Wake Forest, NC.

On April 21, Mrs. Carolyn Jernigan, of Spivey's Corner, will be the guest speaker. Her topic will be, "Seeing Material Things and Human Relationships in Proper Glory and Growing Thereby." Mrs. Jernigan is a teacher in the public schools of Sampson County and currently serves as the President of the North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention. The Spivey's Corner native is a homemaker, mother of two children and a member of Shady Grove Church, located near Spivey's Corner.

At 5 p.m. on April 21, a gospel concert will be given by the "Born Again Quartet" of Kinston, NC. At 6 p.m., a sit-down banquet of chicken, barbecue and other delicacies will be served. Senior citizens of the church and community will be special guests for the banquet. The banquet and concert will be sponsored by the youth organizations of the church, backed by the younger adult Sunday School classes of the church.

On April 28, the visiting speaker will be the Honorable Arnold Jones, district judge of Wayne, Lenoir and Greene Counties. His subject will be, "Harnessing Conflicts and Stalling Experiences of Life, and Growing Stepping Stones for True Happiness."

The Rev. A. B. Bryan, pastor of Northeast Church, says, "This is the fourth year in succession Northeast Church has used a total month in the spring for special enrichment services with very encouraging success."

The church is located three-fourths of a mile northeast of Mount Olive on Northeast Church Road, as it intersects with the Indian Springs Road. The public is invited to share in the service, worship and ministry of the church congregation.

## **ST. MARY'S CHURCH HONORS WINNERS OF BIBLE CHALLENGE FOR CHILDREN**

On Sunday, February 3, St. Mary's Church, Kenly, honored the winners of "Bible Challenge for Children." In the church's monthly newsletter during 1990, there was a children's corner featuring "Bible Challenge for Children." Children ages 6 through 12 participated and the winners were announced on Sunday, February 3, 1991, during the morning worship service. The winners were Gregory Barnes, Ann Kirby and Kevin Johnson. A certificate of accomplishment and a cash award was presented to each one.

## **ST. MARY'S CHURCH PAYS TRIBUTE TO TROOPS**

On Sunday, February 24, St. Mary's Church, Kenly, paid special tribute to troops in the Persian Gulf in a service of praise to God and America. Twelve flags were flying in front of the church, saying to passers-by that we are proud to be Americans.

Upon entering the church, everyone received a red, white and blue ribbon. The communion table was covered in red, adorned with red, white and blue flowers, American and Christian flags, a globe, an open Bible and praying hands.

All of the songs were patriotic selections that set the mood for the theme of the service, that was highlighted by Barbara Everton, Thurman West and the youth choir singing "God Bless America." Scott Sullivan and Ryan Kirby slowly walked down the aisle of the church carrying the Christian and American flags during this special song.

In the vestibule was one candle and a Norfolk Island Pine that was covered with bows made of red, white and blue ribbon. On each bow was the name of a service person that was connected to the church family. Each name was called from the pulpit and the

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church joined in a special prayer for their safety and for their families.

Following the song service, the Rev. Ray Everton delivered a message with emphasis on dedication to God and loyalty to one's country.

#### A DAY OF TRIBUTE

Pleasant Hill Church, Pikeville, honored its servicemen with a day of tribute on February 17. The morning worship service opened with Roger Buchanan singing the National Anthem. The choir then sang "My County 'Tis of Thee" and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." A tribute to the military was given by Sabra Pittman. Her remarks were followed by Phyllis Croom singing "Wind Beneath My Wings" and the pastor, the Rev. Henry Armstrong, delivering the morning message. The service concluded with Trina Pierce singing "God Bless the U.S.A."

Lunch, catered by Wilber's Barbecue, was served in the fellowship hall. Everyone enjoyed the meal and fellowship with friends and relatives.

Twenty-one members, friends, and/or relatives of the congregation served in the Persian Gulf during the war.



#### PEE DEE WOMEN TO MEET

The Pee Dee District Woman's Auxiliary Convention will be held on Saturday, April 13, at Beaverdam Church, beginning at 9:30 a.m. "Follow Peace With All Men" will be the Convention Theme, with Hebrews 12:14 serving as the theme Scripture. The schedule for the day follows:

Hymn, "Wonderful Peace"  
Devotions, Nancy Hardee  
Welcome, Annie Cribb  
Response, Marie Ward  
Offering  
President's Remarks, Hattie Bright  
Special Music, Beaverdam Church  
Life Membership Award, Annie Cribb  
Business  
Reports  
Message, Joan Little  
Memorial Service, Dora Mercer

#### SYMPATHY EXTENDED

The earthly life of Mrs. Margaret Goff Dildy, 81, ended on March 13. Mrs. Dildy was the mother of Mrs. Walter (Faye) Sutton. The staff and management of the Free Will Baptist Press extends our sympathy to Mrs. Sutton. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with you and your family.

#### MINISTER RELOCATES

The Rev. James A. Evans, a well-known retired Free Will Baptist minister, is presently residing at Mount Olive Retirement Village. Mr. Evans' new address is as follows: 600 Smith Chapel Road, Mount Olive Retirement Village, Mount Olive, NC 28365. (Mr. Evans moved on March 15.)

#### EFFORTS REWARDED

by Grady Simpson

On Sunday, January 27, Macedonia Church, Ernul, enjoyed its worship hour with the Rev. David C. Hansley, executive director of the Board of Home Missions and Evangelism. Mr. Hansley honored the Sunday School students for their participation in a "FOOT BY FOOT" Seed Club project.

The Rev. Grady Simpson, pastor of Macedonia Church, learned of this type of project at the 1990 Eastern Conference meeting. The project consists of a chart that will hold four hundred pennies. The theme is "Raising





The Rev. David C. Hansley and the Macedonia Church participants.

Churches Foot by Foot." When the chart is full of pennies, it represents 25 feet, or 400 pennies. Children take the chart and glue, tape, or paste a hundred pennies per week to the chart. This helps Home Missions and it is a great way to get the youth of any church motivated for this ministry.

When the Sunday School started the project in November 1990, the children were excited. Each week Sunday School attendance increased and teachers reported more active and responsive students. Students became more interested in missions of all kinds. The chart could be used to take attendance for Sunday School attendance purposes.

Mr. Hansley honored the students with "Seed Club Certificates of Appreciation" and a hearty verbal thanks. Mr. Hansley then delivered an inspiring and motivating sermon about missions.

Macedonia Church enjoyed the "Seed Club Project" and the worship hour that Mr. Hansley conducted. The church encourages other churches to try this project, and watch not only the children, but many adults become involved.

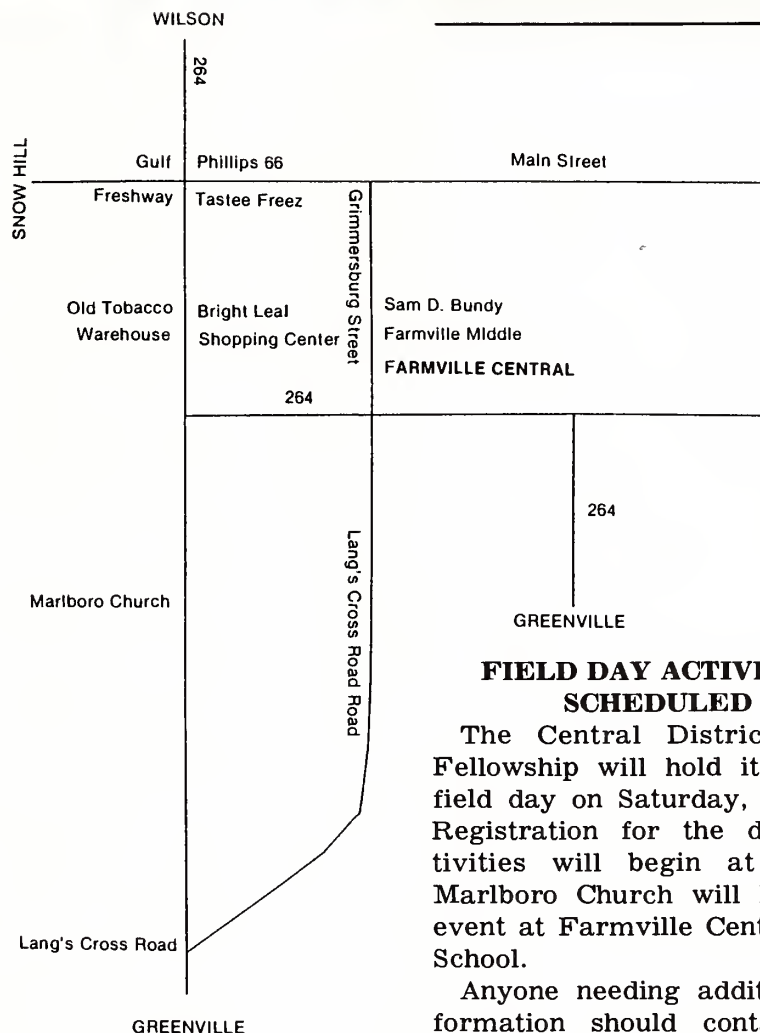
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## REVIVAL SERVICES PLANNED

A series of revival services has been planned for April 14-17 at Marlboro Church, Farmville. The Rev. T. O. Terry, pastor of Rock of Zion Church, Grantsboro, will be the guest evangelist. Special music will be featured nightly and a nursery will be provided. The Sunday evening service will begin at 7 p.m. and the services Monday through Wednesday will start at 7:30.

The Rev. W. Scott Sowers, pastor, and the congregation cordially invite everyone to join them for these services.

## APRIL IS HOME MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM MONTH



## FIELD DAY ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED

The Central District Youth Fellowship will hold its annual field day on Saturday, April 20. Registration for the day's activities will begin at 9 a.m. Marlboro Church will host this event at Farmville Central High School.

Anyone needing additional information should contact Jodi Hudson, Judy Harris, or Janie Sowers (Marlboro YFA leader).



## CAPE FEAR WOMEN SCHEDULE MEETING

The Cape Fear Woman's Auxiliary Convention will meet on April 10 with Tee's Chapel Church. Ephesians 1:3 will serve as the theme Scripture with the day's theme being "Blessed Is the Name of Jesus." The day's schedule is as follows:

### MORNING SESSION

- 9:30—Registration
- 10:00—Hymn, "Blessed Be the Name"
- Devotions, Mrs. Lydia van der Plas
- Welcome, Mrs. Beatrice Overman, Host Church
- Response, Mrs. Carmen Martin, First Church, Smithfield
- Greetings, Mrs. Linda Jackson, Shady Grove Church
- Chorus, "The Name of Jesus"

### BUSINESS SESSION

- Blessed Are Those Who Go to the Mission Field, Foreign Missions
- Blessed Are Those Who Witness and Build the Church, Home Missions
- Blessed Are Those Who Help Homeless Children, Children's Home
- Blessed Are Those Who Help the Elderly, Retirement Homes
- Blessed Are Those Who Teach Students, Mount Olive College
- Blessed Are Those Who Print the Gospel, Free Will Baptist Press
- Blessed Are Those Who Plan Programs for All Ages, Cragmont

### MORNING WORSHIP

- 11:15—Hymn, "Take the Name of Jesus With You"
- Offering
- Special Music, Host Church
- Convention Message, the Rev. Willem van der Plas

—Hymn, "He Is So Precious to Me"

12:00—Lunch

### AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Hymn, "My Jesus, I Love Thee"
- Memorial Service, Mrs. Joyce Nowell, Saint Mary's

Grove

- 1:20—Miscellaneous Business
- Installation of Officers, Mrs. Mava Daughtry, Yelverton Grove Church
- Hymn, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"
- 2:00—Adjournment

## TAYLORS CELEBRATE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY



The Rev. and Mrs. Ed Taylor

The Rev. and Mrs. Ed Taylor of Smithfield celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary January 27.

A reception for the couple was held in the fellowship hall at First Church, in Smithfield. Hosts for the event were their son and daughter-in-law, Ed and Judy Taylor, of Erwin; their daughter, Rebecca Byrd, of Four Oaks; and their grandchildren and their spouses.

Cindy Younger, of Clayton, granddaughter of the couple, made and served portions of the three-tiered cake.

A family tree in photographs was displayed on a bulletin board. Also on display was a bronze plaque dedicating three church chandeliers given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor.

Guests included representatives from various churches the Taylors served in North Carolina. Some of their roommates from college attended also.

The Taylors met in Bible college in Charlotte in 1940 and were married in 1941.



## INSTALLATION SERVICE



submitted by Doris Pinyan

Pictured left to right are President Doris Pinyan, Vice President Jean Casstevens, the Rev. Judy Wright, Secretary Elrice Atkins, and Treasurer Carlee Stallard.

In an impressive ceremony held at our regular monthly meeting, Monday, February 25, the Woman's Auxiliary of the House of Prayer Church, in Kernersville, installed their officers for 1991.

The table was set with a center lighted candle, representing God's presence, an open Bible at one end and flowers at the other. Each officer lit a candle from the center candle as the Rev. Judy Wright read the "Call to Service" from *Devotion: Program Book for Women*.

The Woman's Auxiliary is working very hard to become an A-1 Auxiliary. As you may well know, it takes everyone working together to accomplish this.

When you talk to the Lord, which should be daily, remember the members of this Auxiliary, that above all else they will please God.

Sometimes as Christians work in the local church, they get so busy working that they leave God out. Christians need to fellowship daily with the Lord, so they will be led in the work that He wants them to do. The work may be good but if the individual is not in the Lord's will, he will be as fish out of water. "But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased Him (1 Corinthians 12:18)—not as it hath pleased us.

### SWEETHEART QUEEN CROWNED

Bethel Church, located on Highway 96, near Four Oaks, held its yearly Valentine Sweetheart Banquet on February 13, in the fellowship hall. Mrs. Jewell Temple was crowned the 1991 Bethel Sweetheart Queen.

The Woman's Auxiliary sponsored the banquet. The Rev. and Mrs. Emmitt Jones were in charge of the program. Mr. Jones led a devotional on attributes of love. Bible quiz and other games were played, with winners receiving Valentine prizes. Mrs. Temple, who was crowned by Mrs. Lois Massengill, received an arm

bouquet of red roses. Mrs. Lois Massengill, who was Bethel's Sweetheart Queen for 1990, was presented an arm bouquet of pink roses. Each lady present received a red carnation bud vase. The fellowship hall was decorated in a Valentine motif by Mrs. Carolyn Jones.

### REVIVAL SCHEDULED

Piney Grove Church, Route 1, Kenly, will hold revival services Sunday through Thursday. April 14-18. The Rev. Charles Petit, of Clayton, will be the guest evangelist. Services begin on Sunday at 7 p.m. and at 7:30 on Monday through Thursday. Special

singing will be featured each evening.

The pastor, the Rev. Lyn Renfrow, invites everyone to join in their special series of services.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Did you know that this summer close to a quarter of a million churches will hold a Vacation Bible School? In about 90 percent of these churches, the program will last for over three hours a day for five days.

Have some fun with VBS statistics. If all VBS's were held consecutively, there would be a total of 447 years worth of vacation Bible School in a single summer.

And if that didn't get a smile, try this one. If all the students in Vacation Bible School had one cup of fruit punch each day while VBS was in session, all the cups of punch combined would fill 69 Olympic-size swimming pools!

Each Vacation Bible School has an average of 85 students. Many of these children attend no other church activities. The week of learning about Jesus and interacting with Christ-centered adults may be the only Christian education these children receive.

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## CHURCH AVAILABLE

Verona Church, Highway 17-South, Jacksonville, is in need of a full-time pastor. Interested ministers should contact David McLeod after 5 p.m. by phoning (919) 347-3626.

## WISH FULFILLED

Facing a terminal illness places an individual and his family in trauma. Many organizations exist for the purpose of assisting in such situations. One organization which strives to make life more meaningful when days seem to be numbered is The Children's Wish Foundation.

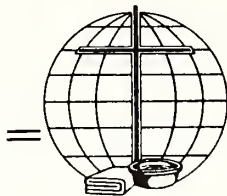
The Foundation works to bring to fulfillment the "last" wish of as many terminally ill children as possible. One young boy the Foundation has assisted is Craig Shergold, of Tennessee. Seven-year-old Craig wanted to be listed in the *Guinness Book of World Records* for receiving the most Get-Well Cards of any individual ever. Craig's wish has been fulfilled, according to the Children's Wish Foundation. However, if you would like to send a card to Craig, the address follows: Craig Shergold, c/o Children's Wish Foundation, 3200 Perimeter Center East, Suite 100, Atlanta, Georgia 30346.

(One last word: Craig is doing fairly well at the moment, according to a Foundation spokesman.)

## SPECIAL REMINDER

One of the responsibilities of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists General Secretary is assisting churches with pulpit supply. The General Secretary also assists churches which are looking for pastors and ministers who are seeking new pastoral settings.

The Rev. C. H. Overman serves as Convention General Secretary. He can be contacted at the Headquarters by writing to him at Box 39, Ayden, NC 28513; or by phoning (919) 746-4963.



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TO: Free Will Baptist Ministers and Church Clerks

FROM: C. H. Overman, General Secretary

DATE: March 12, 1991

SUBJECT: Promotional Office Support

I am writing to you regarding the work of your promotional office and your Original Free Will Baptist Headquarters. First of all, and on behalf of our Convention, I want to express our thanks and appreciation to those churches that have included the promotional work in your budgets at the recommended amount of at least \$1 per member.

Based upon our records of contributions sent in at last year's Convention, sixty-two churches did not contribute, and sixty-three churches sent in less than \$30. (We realize, of course, that some of the smaller churches may have sent the \$1 per member which could have been less than \$30.) It is our hope that all of our churches will include our promotional work in their regular giving and that the churches that are not giving on the basis of \$1 per member will do so during this fiscal year.

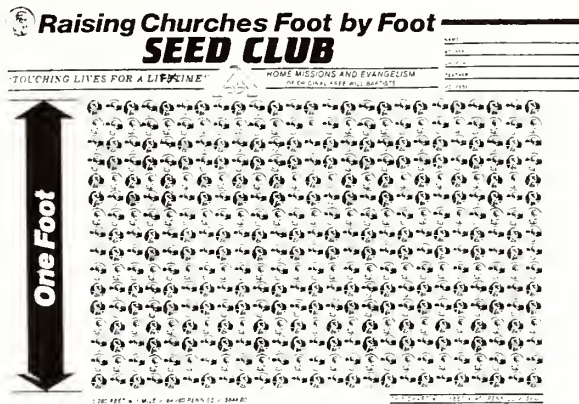
In July of this year this office will complete two years of service to our denomination. Many have spoken favorably relative to the work. It has been our purpose to seek to coordinate and promote our Convention's ministries. We have done this through promotional materials and programs. Also, we have represented our Convention at many of the ministries' board meetings and other denominational meetings, as well as representing in several other denomination's meetings. The office continues to serve as liaison between our ministers and churches relative to pastoral changes.

The office of General Secretary is here to serve the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. We need your prayers and support. Please call on us and visit our Headquarters soon.

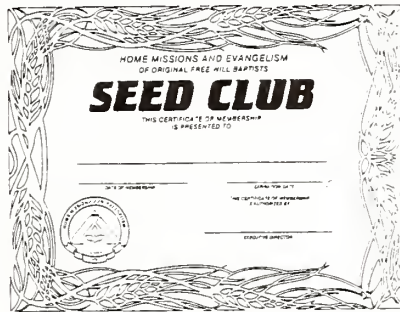
May His blessings be upon us as we endeavor to fulfill His will.



## CHILDREN HELPING TO GROW CHURCHES "Foot by Foot"



Charts like the one pictured above have been shared with the children and youth in Original Free Will Baptist Churches. When a chart is filled with 25 feet of pennies (that's 400 pennies, or \$4), the participant will receive a certificate for becoming a member of the Seed Club. New certificates are presented each time a filled \$4 chart is received.



Those children and youth who participate in the Seed Club are helping to touch lives and grow churches for the cause of Christ.

### CHILDREN RAISE MONEY

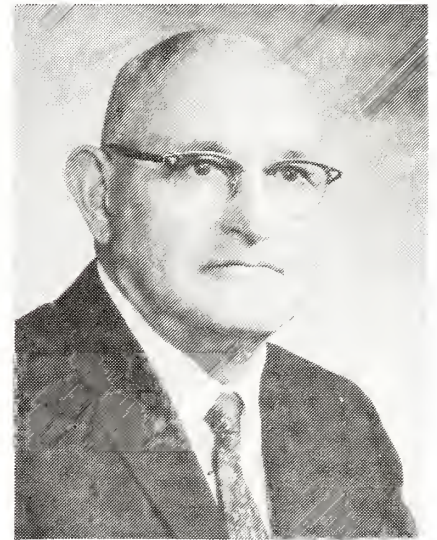


The children and youth of Christian Chapel Church, Route 1, Pink Hill, participated in a drive for the Seed Club during the month of December. Hoping to "touch lives for a lifetime," the youth raised money by means of their Home Missions project. This goal was to

collect 1,000 feet of pennies (there are 16 pennies in a foot). The youth met their goal, raising \$160 for Home Missions. It should also be noted that the children in the kindergarten class, taught by Mrs. "Cathy" Tyndall, collected 400 of those coins.

Pictured here are participants: front row (left to right)—Nathan Tyndall, Ashley Martin, Katie Turner, Leslie Ann Smith, Amanda Smith, Megan Tyndall, Catherine Tyndall; second row—Heather Tyndall, Asnlea Spear, Rod Smith Jr., Jessica Stroud, Derek Stroud, an unidentified youth; third row—Peggy Jo Tyndall, Crystal Elizabeth Outlaw and Kelly Tyndall (not pictured, Walt Howard).

### SAM J. WALLER SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT



Sam J. Waller

The family of the late Sam J. Waller (1898-1988) of Duplin County has established a scholarship endowment in his memory at Mount Olive College. Income from the fund will be used to provide an annual scholarship for "worthy and qualified" students selected by the College.

Waller attended the Free Will Baptist Seminary in Ayden, North Carolina. He was a veteran of World War I. At the time of his death, he was the oldest member of Alum Springs Baptist Church, where he served as a Sunday School teacher and deacon for forty years.

He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Katherine Carr of Rose Hill, Mrs. Estelle Sumnerlin of Dublin, and Mrs.

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Korney Adams of Benson, and eight grandchildren. His granddaughter, Nell Summerlin, is director of Career Planning and Placement at Mount Olive College.

In addition to family gifts, the Endowment is funded with memorial gifts.

### **A DINING HALL FOR MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE**

*by W. Burkette Raper, President*

The Board of Trustees of Mount Olive College has voted to give priority to the construction of a dining hall on the main campus of the College. The urgent need for this building is set forth in the following letter which has been sent to the pastors of Free Will Baptist Churches in North Carolina.

"For nearly forty years Mount Olive College has spared no effort to provide for Original Free Will Baptists the best program of Christian higher education possible. Beginning in an abandoned school building with an enrollment of twenty-two students, we now have an accredited four-year college on a beautiful 110-acre campus with an enrollment in excess of 500.

"Most of our operations have been transferred to the new campus, but our food services remains in the old building which was condemned in 1951. We now have an acute problem:

1. Our kitchen is substandard and is inadequately equipped to serve more than 100,000 meals annually as it is currently called upon to do.
2. The Wayne County Health Department has been understanding of our situation but the old building is deteriorating to the point that we are in danger of not being able to maintain an acceptable sanitation rating.
3. The present condition and location of our dining hall (one mile from our classrooms on the main campus) is a serious restraint in attracting new students.

"Providing an adequate food services facility cannot be further

delayed. This project is included in our current 'Road to Excellence' campaign, and fortunately the parents of one of our students have stepped forward with a challenge pledge of \$500,000. Surely the rest of us can and will provide the additional \$1.5 million required for this project. The dining hall will be located next to the College Hall parking lot which will serve both buildings, and the paving of the parking lot is included in this project.

"Our plans are to construct a building that will serve not only our students but also provide dining accommodations for church conventions, civic, and community events. A seating capacity of 600 is envisioned. We believe that this building will add as much to our ability to serve our students, church, community, and region as has College Hall.

"In view of the importance of Christian higher education for our Church and our children, we kindly ask the support of your church for this project which is vital to the future of our College. If you prefer, you can begin payment on your pledge out of your church budget for 1991-92, but we need to hear from you as soon as possible so we can schedule the awarding of contracts.

"Construction will begin as soon as gifts and pledges are adequate to cover the cost of the project. We must move promptly because time is running out on us in the old building."

### **APPRECIATION**

Each church is encouraged to participate in this project. It is important, however, that ongoing support not be decreased because these contributions are essential for scholarships and the general work of the College. The dining hall project for the College is like a building program for the local church—it has to be over and above our general operations.

The College will appreciate our churches making an extra effort

for the dining hall building fund. This building is essential for our services to students and the thousands of people who attend conventions and other special events on our campus each year.

### **FIRST VIVIAN B. HARRISON MEMORIAL LECTURE CALLED "SUPER DAY"**

"It was a super day," said Dr. K. David Hines, MOC director of Education for Christian Ministries and coordinator of the first annual Vivian B. Harrison Memorial Lecture. "I felt the event was a perfect blend of the cutting edge of scholarship and evangelical fervor. Steve Sprinkle, the day's lecturer, blended the two. He showed us that scholarship need not be dull or lifeless."

One of the goals of the lecture was that it be identified as an event for regional ministers as well as Free Will Baptists. Over 50 ministers attended, with several denominations represented.

"I was pleased with the turnout," said Dr. Hines. "Ministers from United Methodist, Southern Baptist, Disciples of Christ, Assembly of God, United Holiness, American Free Will Baptist, and Presbyterian churches attended, as well as a number of Original Free Will Baptists."

"I felt the lecture made a very positive contribution to our ministers and set an excellent precedent for future series," said MOC Chaplain Frank Harrison who established the lecture in memory of his late wife.

"This is a fitting memorial to Vivian," said Harrison. "She served for seventeen and an half years as a school teacher and was dedicated to education.

"The lecture makes an appropriate educational contribution to both Free Will Baptist ministers and the church," he added.

The Rev. Stephen Sprinkle, pastor at Pleasant Union Christian Church in Newton Grove,



gave three lectures: "What to Preach for Revival," "What Do You Do When the Wood is Wet?" and "How to Preach for Revival." The lectures will be published through the Mount Olive College Press and will be available in a forthcoming edition.

### IS YOUR WOOD WET?

by Emily Griffin  
MOC Office of Public  
Information Work Study student

When I sit alone in Rodgers Chapel, I receive a feeling of calmness and closeness to God. The structure of the building itself provides a feeling of serene comfort and a place for quiet meditation. It is there I find refuge from world events and troublesome times.

Yet, I have never felt closer to Him than when I, along with approximately 300 others, attended the first annual Vivian B. Harrison Memorial Lecture. The speaker, Stephen Sprinkle, captivated the audience of MOC students and faculty, and Free Will Baptist pastors. His message, entitled "What Do You

Do When the Wood Is Wet?", encouraged Christians to use their special gifts and talents to glorify the Lord.

"Do we need to build bigger fellowship halls, or do we need to take the crosses from our backs and glorify the Lord?" he challenged. "God is willing to take whatever offering you have to give!"

As he spoke, I began to think of the many times I hid the special talents God has given me. Those were the times my "wood was wet."

Mr. Sprinkle, a graduate of Yale University in Connecticut and pastor of the Pleasant Union Christian Church in Newton Grove, encouraged us to serve God as "doers of the Word," and not "people who go to church on Sunday, but live like the devil the week out." As he spoke, it was evident that the Spirit of the Lord was in Rodgers Chapel and working through the lives of individuals.

Is your wood wet? If so, Mr. Sprinkle's advice is to pray!

### SCENES FROM THE 1991 FREE WILL BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION Held March 2, First Church, Goldsboro



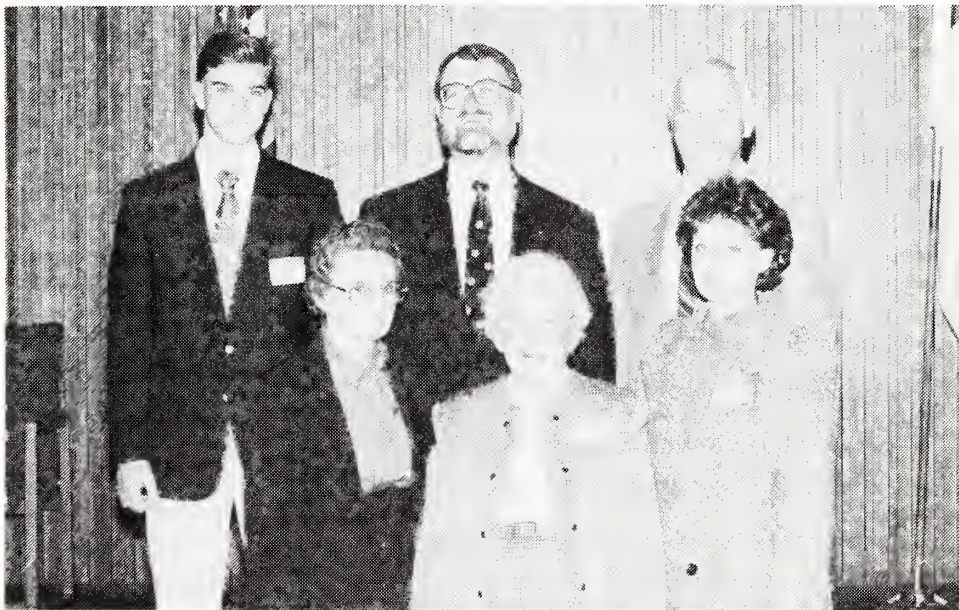
Mrs. Virginia Skinner explains effective teaching techniques for junior high students.



The Rev. Ray Wells led a seminar which highlighted the expectation of the typical Sunday School student and worshiper.



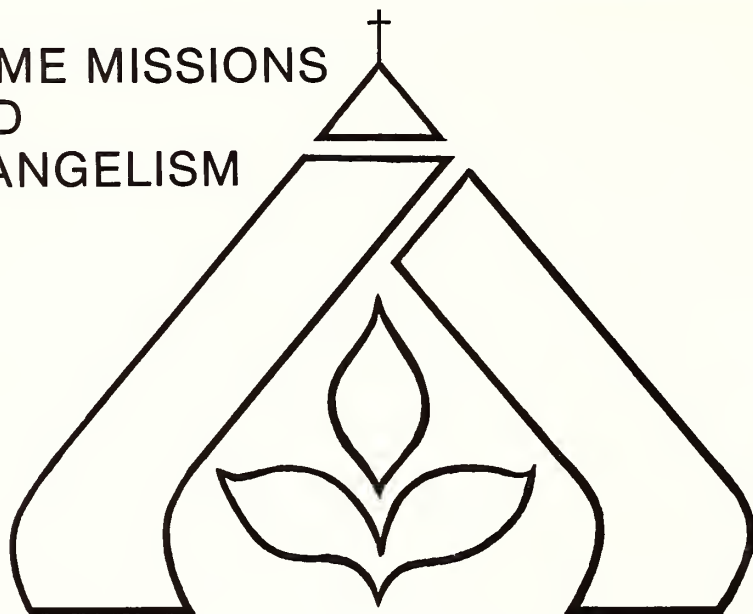
Dr. Thomas Parrish worked with the teachers of adult Sunday School classes.



Family members gather in Rodgers Chapel for Memorial Lecture—Family members of the late Vivian B. Harrison pause following the worship service of the first annual Vivian B. Harrison Memorial Lecture. Pictured from left, front row, are Elizabeth Beamon of Walstonburg, Mrs. Harrison's mother; Virginia Bynum, her aunt; and Judy Metts, her sister. In back are Kristopher Harrison, her son; Memorial Lecturer, Stephen Sprinkle; and Frank Harrison, MOC Chaplain and instructor, who established the Lecture in memory of Mrs. Harrison (photo by Emily Griffin).



# HOME MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM



by Ray Wells

## PAST

In September 1972, the North Carolina Ministerial Association of Original Free Will Baptists presented a resolution to the State Convention in session at Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church which stated: "There is an expressed desire among our ministers for a more definite program for evangelism and establishing churches in new areas." With that resolution, the Board of Home Missions and Evangelism was born. (The Board was first called the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.)

The Convention then elected the following men to serve on this new board: the Revs. Noah Brown, C. L. Patrick, Taylor Hill, Grayson Spencer and Ray Wells. The purpose for this board was as follows: "To supervise all missionary and church extension work within the continental United States. Furthermore they shall have the right and responsibility to promote evangelism and home missions, raise funds and supervise the disbursements of these funds for Home Missions and Church Extension." With these instructions in hand, the board set out to establish Home Missions points wherever the Lord would lead us.

In the beginning, it was a struggle and the funds for the work were slow in coming, but the Lord blessed us and in the first year we were able to establish two missions. So with the help of the Lord and the prayers of the people home missions became a working reality.

## PRESENT

The Home Missions Board is engaged in the support of mission points. We are also involved in ethnic, deaf and migrant missions work.

We have seen much progress over the past years; the Lord has blessed us to be able to carry our message of Christ and the faith of the Original Free Will Baptists to areas where the Word and the witness were needed. We have seen several of our mission points organize with self-supporting Original Free Will Baptist churches. We have also seen our income grow from \$6,000 in 1972 to \$214,530 in 1990.

The Home Missions Board should serve as a reminder to all Free Will Baptists that as a denomination we have caught the vision of the fields that are white unto harvest and through Home Missions and Church Extension, and Evangelism we have been

able to send laborers forth into the fields to spread the Word and reap the harvest.

Mission points now sponsored in North Carolina by the Home Missions Board are as follows: Genesis, Fayetteville; Hillsberry, Clinton; Hillside, Grifton; Friendly Chapel, Greensboro; Whiteville Mission, Whiteville; Silver Creek Cape Carteret; and St. Cloud, St. Cloud, Fla. There are from nine to fifteen worship groups in California. At present, the vast majority of these worshipers are H'mong.

This ministry also sponsors churches for the Deaf in Wilson and Fayetteville, and assists with migrant evangelism and ministry.

## FUTURE

As the years progress and the Lord continues to bless us, we hope to expand our services into other areas of church extension. Some of the areas that will be developed in the coming years will be: (1) Youth Outreach Programs; (2) seminars to help churches grow and become missions in their own communities; and (3) summer programs for young people (such as the Deaf Camp we now sponsor at Eagles Nest and the camp held in California for H'mong youth each summer). These are just a few of the things envisioned for the future.

The possibilities, like the love of God, are limitless and it will be through your support both prayerfully and financially that many of these ideas can and will become realities.

Let us be mindful of the words from Proverbs, "Where there is no vision, the people perish."

Home Missions is our vision; may we also see that the cause of Christ is the cause of Home Missions and the Original Free Will Baptist denomination.

It is our job to touch "LIVES FOR A LIFETIME."



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## THE MAN BEHIND THE PROGRAM

### THE REV. DAVID C. HANSLEY

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If you want to know about a person, determine his priorities. Discover what is important to him. See what motivates or moves him. Once this information has been gathered, you will know much about the person.

It has been said that the Rev. David C. Hansley "is fixed with a reverence for humanity that drives him to spend every waking moment helping others. And this is his purpose in life."

This goal, this purpose, has led him in many directions. He has pursued it as a pastor, he has been involved as a Convention of Original Free Will Baptists officer and presently serves on the Eastern Conference Examining Board. He even served as Convention General Secretary and Executive Director of the Free Will Baptist Press.

Mr. Hansley serves as a trustee and speaker for the Christian Action League of North Carolina, is a member of the National Executive Committee of the Association of Baptists for Scouting and Boy Scouts of America. A certified teacher for the Evangelical Teacher Training Association, he directs visual-aid seminars. Mr. Hansley is also a capital gift consultant. Particularly important to him are the Washington Round Table on Evangelism Board Meetings, at which he joins leaders representing all the major denominations in America.

The son of Mrs. David W. Hansley, and the late Rev. D. W.



Hansley, he was raised in the tradition of church service, a tradition that has helped to lead him through the course of his life. Mr. Hansley has served as the church relations co-chairman of the million-dollar development program for Mount Olive College. He has worked as the co-director for youth week encampments at Cragmont Assembly, the director of denominational enterprises for the North Carolina State Sunday School Convention for Free Will Baptists, and been the secretary to the Board of Directors of Camp Vandemere.

Mr. Hansley had the opportunity to serve as the chairman of the Scouting Commission of the North Carolina State Convention and as a member of the liaison committee on fellowshiping with other denominations of North Carolina and the United States; he has directed Ministers' Institutes at Mount Olive College, has been president of the Ministerial Association of Free Will Baptists of North Carolina . . . in fact, he has labored in nearly every phase of our denomination's work.

Mr. Hansley was born in Durham County on June 16, 1938. He graduated from Grainger High School in Kinston, and attended Atlantic Christian College, and the Chrysler School for Management, in addition to Mount Olive College and Robert Morris College, a fund-raising and development college located in Pennsylvania. He was awarded an honorary doctor of divinity degree in 1987 from Christian Bible College.

Mr. Hansley is married to the former Sylvia Fay McLamb of Newton Grove. They have two children, Cynthia and Phil. David Charles, Sylvia and Phil reside in Kinston, NC. Sylvia is presently employed as a sales associate in the china department at Belk's department store, Kinston.

A graduate of Mount Olive College, Cynthia received her Bachelor of Science degree in early childhood education from

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From left to right: Fellowship for the Deaf, Wilson, NC.

The Rev. Kevin Moua and his family. Mr. Moua, a graduate of MOC, pastors the H'mong congregations in Fresno, CA. He also works with the Social Services Department in Fresno.

Friendly Chapel Mission, Greensboro, NC.

Silver Creek Mission, Cape Carteret, NC.

The Rev. David Charles Hansley, executive director of the Home Missions and Evangelism Board, presents an award to Kelly King at the 1990 State Youth Convention. The ministry helps to sponsor the SYC Lesson Presentation Competition.

A baptism scene taken at Eagles Nest Conference Center, Mount Olive, NC, during the annual Camp for the Deaf.

A scene from the organizational meeting of the first group leaving Haymount Church, Fayetteville, to begin a church. This group founded Genesis Mission.

The Rev. Garland Suggs, pastor of Whiteville Mission.

The future site of First Free Will Baptist Church, St. Cloud, FL. The Rev. W. L. Bronson leads this work.

The education/fellowship unit of Genesis Mission, Fayetteville, was dried-in in one day. Many from the Cape Fear Conference participated in this endeavor.

Hillsberry Mission, Clinton, NC.

This young lady from Kannapolis proves that change can "touch lives for a lifetime."

The youth of Genesis Mission, Fayetteville, NC, adopted a highway. By doing so, the young people assumed the responsibility of removing litter from a section of road.

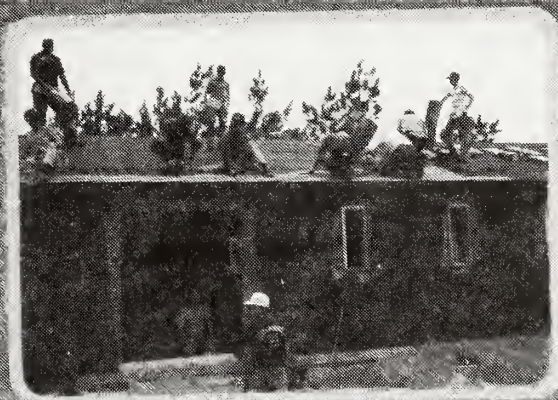
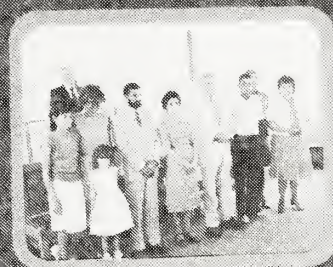
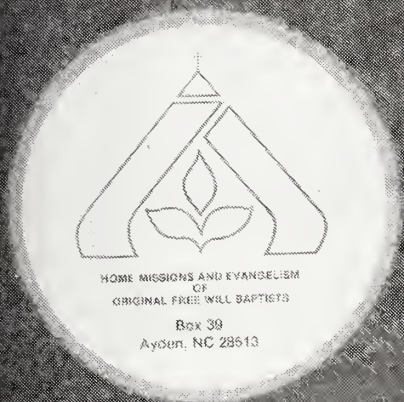
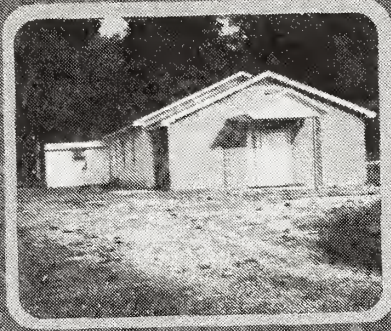
Hillside Mission, Grifton, NC.

The Rev. Jimmy Sowers, pastor/director of Hillside Mission, is shown here with a SC storm victim the Mission assisted.

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Atlantic Christian College. She is employed by Ridgecroft Academy, Ahoskie, NC, as a first-grade teacher.

Phil is a 1989 graduate of East Carolina University. He is a commercial artist and is presently associated with Rosenberg Associates of Greenville, NC.

At present, Mr. Hansley serves as Executive Director of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists Board of Home Missions. This position gives Mr. Hansley an opportunity to serve others. It allows him to help people, "to touch lives for a lifetime."

"Touching lives for a lifetime" is the goal of the Home Missions ministry. It is appropriate that Mr. Hansley be at the helm of this ministry, since that is his goal, too.

# FACTS

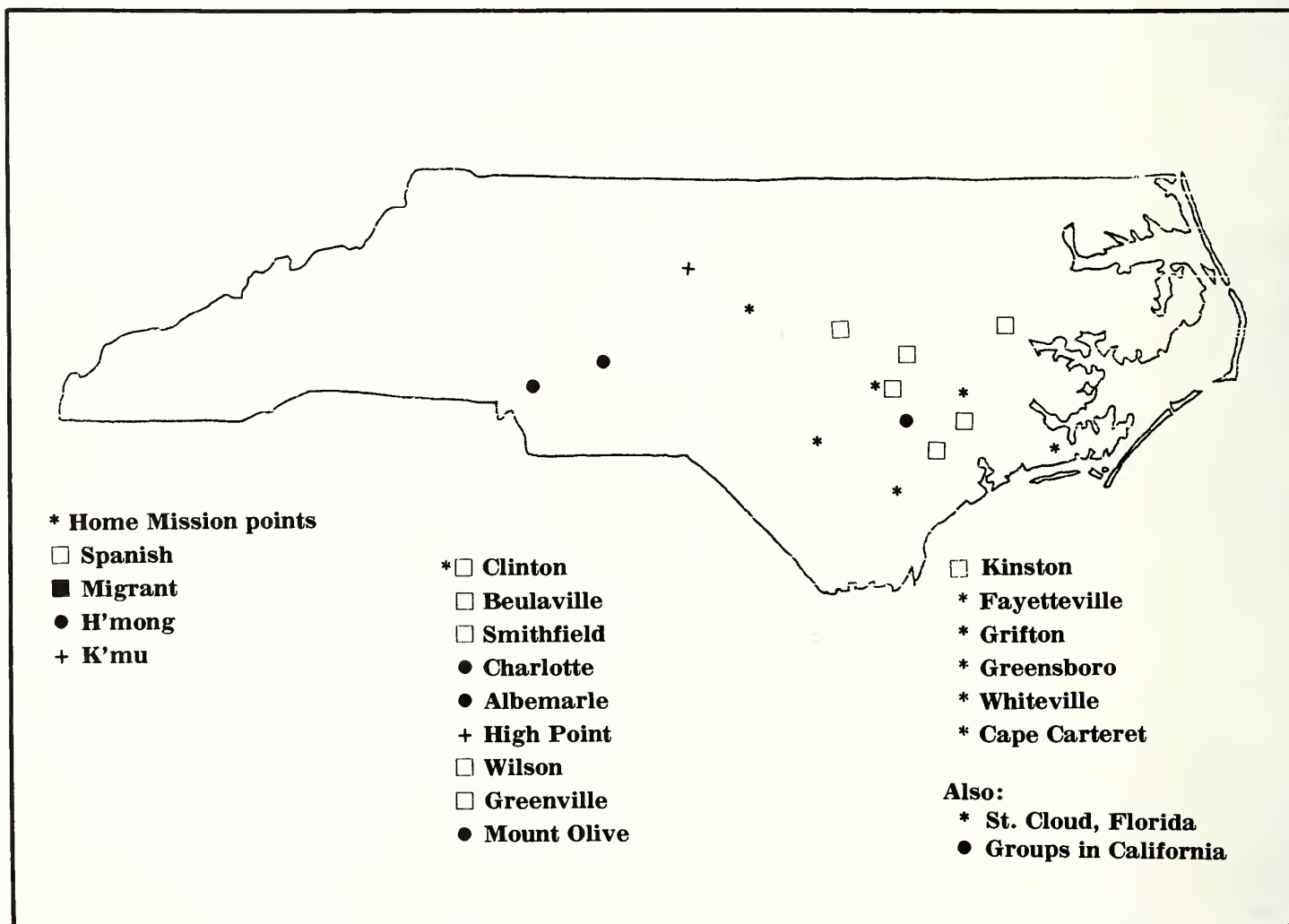
- ✓ There are 3,642,001 lost people in NC, or 52.85 percent of NC's population.
- ✓ 74.4 percent of the NC population is *Anglo*, or 2,575,729 lost individuals.
- ✓ 22.7 percent of the NC population is *Black*, or 785,874 lost individuals.
- ✓ 1.7 percent of the NC population is made up of *diversified* races, or 58,854 lost individuals.
- ✓ 1.2 percent of the NC population is *Hispanic*, or 41,544 lost individuals.

\* Source: National Planning Data Corporation, 1989; Southern Baptist Home Missions Board Research Division

*Now is the time to "touch lives for a lifetime."*

## HOME MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM

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# TOUCHING LIVES FOR A LIFETIME

## HOME MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM



Life changing events are happening everywhere . . . H'mong youth at summer camp in California . . . church planting in North Carolina, California and Florida . . . hearing impaired youth camp . . . Spanish worship service for migrants . . . church for the deaf . . . and church growth seminars for established churches . . . all within the observance of Original Free Will Baptists.

Today, more than ever, your church has the opportunity to help others "Hear the Word of the Lord." On Sunday, April 28, 1991, every Original Free Will Baptist Church is being asked to have special prayer and receive an offering to help us continue to "touch lives for a lifetime." You can make a difference in the lives of all ages when you participate in the ministries of Home Missions and Evangelism.



**Home Missions and Evangelism**  
**OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS**  
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## STUDY COMMISSION MEETS AT MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Fifty-five Free Will Baptists gathered on a recent Saturday morning at Mount Olive College. The charge lay before them: How can Mount Olive College best serve the Free Will Baptist Church? Committees met and formulated ideas.

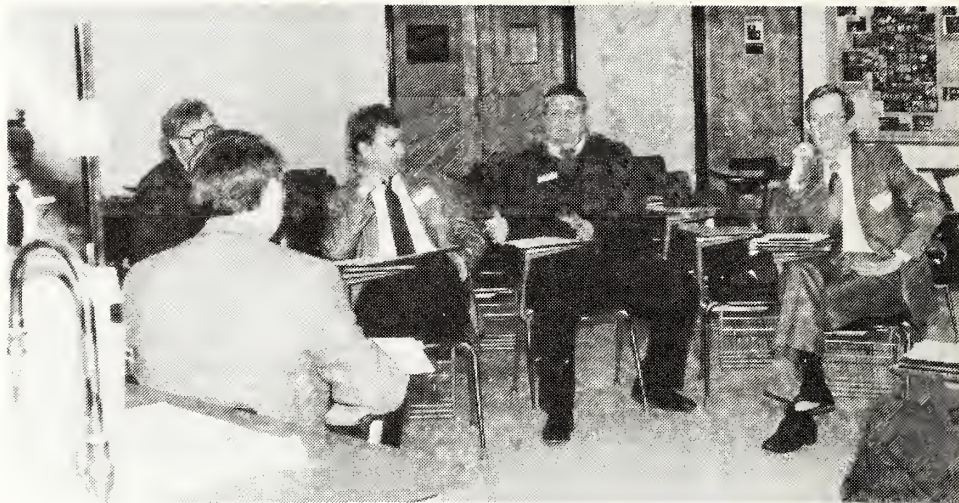
"I do not recall working with a more positive group of people," said Dr. K. David Hines, study commission coordinator. "Those who came believe in the College and in the Free Will Baptist church. They were here to help us do a better job of serving them."

The commission was divided into five committees: students, local churches, ministers, lay-persons, and denomination-at-large. Each committee was asked to develop a list of educational needs or programs related to its area of interest. The groups prioritized immediate and long-range goals. Reports were "creative and substantive."

The reports, in summary, include the following:

1. Continue to develop the College Supervised Ministry program to introduce students to local church ministry and the work of Original Free Will Baptist denominational ministries.
2. Develop a Campus Convention Day for Free Will Baptist students on Tuesday of Convention week.
3. Continue the development of a continuing education program for ministers and lay-persons. Workshops need to be provided on the work of the church such as Youth Ministry, Church Music, Local Church Organization, and Evangelism. Workshops are also needed on life needs such as single parenting, peer pressure, parent-child relationships, and motivation.
4. Research is needed in the development of off-campus college courses for those preparing for the ministry.

"Each committee pursued its work with enthusiasm," said Dr. Hines. "The ball is in our court. We've heard from Free Will Baptists and now it's time for us to respond."



**Denomination-at-large Committee**—Ray Wells, pastor of Marsh Swamp Church, Wilson County, makes a point during the meeting. Other committee members, from left, are De W. Eakes, chairman of the committee; Scott Sowers, president of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists; Donald Coates, pastor, Pine Level Church, Johnston County; and C. H. Overman, general secretary of the Convention.



**Local Churches Committee**—Calvin Heath, pastor of Black Jack Church, Pitt County, center, and Joan Little, King's Cross Roads Church, Pitt County, join in discussions with MOC director of Admissions Dianne B. Riley.



**Students Committee**—Trustee Howard Scott leads the discussion. Members pictured with Scott are senior business major, Sherrie Martin, Shady Grove Church, Sampson County, and Richard Holmes, senior ministerial student, currently a member of Stoney Creek Church, Wayne County.





**Laypersons Committee**—Jean Ackiss, MOC director of Church Support; Phil Wood, pastor of Free Union Church, Greene County; Phil Boykin, pastor of Lee's Chapel Church, Sampson County; and Jeff Daughtry, representing the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, listen intently to a member of the committee (photos by Patti O'Donoghue).

### MOC CHURCH NIGHT IS A BIG SUCCESS



**MOC Church Night free throw winners**—Gary White, left, and Jeremy Pittman, center, pause with Tim Woodard, MOC admissions counselor and golf coach, following the free throw competition at the College's annual Church Night. White, a member of Oak Grove Church, Bladen County, and Pittman, from Pleasant Hill Church, Wayne County, received gift certificates from Burger King for their winning form. The young men competed in a field of 25 free throw shooters, representing 25 Free Will Baptist churches (photo by Dianne B. Riley).

Three hundred and fifty Free Will Baptist students, youth leaders, pastors, and parents enjoyed the activities in College Hall for MOC's annual Church Night. The event is sponsored each year by the Admissions Office and is an opportunity for members of the sponsoring church to visit the campus and "soak up the atmosphere" of collegiate basketball. Free passes are provided and are waiting at the door for those who make reservations in advance. Church Night is a special spring event at MOC. Watch for it next year and join us!

Rains Cross Roads Church, Johnston County, received a certificate for the most people attending MOC's Church Night. Fifty people from the church joined the enthusiastic crowd in College Hall. Both the men's and women's Trojan basketball teams defeated St. Andrews College.

### SUMMER SCHOOL CLASS SCHEDULE SET AT MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

The 1991 Summer School class schedule is set at Mount Olive College, and now is the time to plan to attend. Summer Session A is set for May 20 through June 21 and Summer Session B for June 24 through July 26. Classes meet Monday through Friday. Students may register the first day of each session.

Summer School offers high school graduates the opportunity to get a head start on their college program. MOC students and those from other colleges and universities are encouraged to enroll, and public school teachers and "non-traditional" students are also welcome.

It is possible to complete as many as 12 semester hours through MOC's two five-week Summer School sessions. Six credit hours per session is considered a full load. Mount Olive is a fully-accredited four-year college and credit earned is transferable to other institutions.

To receive a schedule of classes and fees, and an application form, contact the Admissions Office, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365; telephone (919) 658-2502.

### COMING EVENTS AT MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

You are invited

Tuesday, April 9, Mount Olive College Concert Choir spring performance, Downtown Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Thursday, April 18, Spring Fling, Mount Olive College Singers, Downtown Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Sunday, May 5, Commencement Worship Service, Rodgers Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 11, Commencement Exercises, College Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Friday, May 17—Sunday, May 19, Free Will Baptist State Youth Convention, Mount Olive College campus

For more information, contact Patti O'Donoghue, MOC Director of Public Information, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365; telephone (919) 658-2502.



## **EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE NARA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

*by Armando R. Manzano*

On November 2, 1990, the evangelism team conducted an evangelistic crusade at Dahat Street, Narra, Palawan. Narra is 95 kilometers south of Puerto Princesa City. The crusade was held with the approval of the Barangay Captain. Pastor Edito Madduma is pastor of the Nara Free Will Baptist Church and helped with the crusade. The Narra Free Will Baptist Church was opened in July 1990.

We used musical instruments, including a set of drums, an electric lead guitar, an electric rhythm guitar and an electric bass guitar. These added much to the musical part of the crusade, as we sang evangelistic songs. The Tagalog Movie "Paglilingon sa Kinabukasan" was shown. Hundreds of people gathered together including young children, adults and the older people. They were excited during that time and praised God. The Rev. Jaapal Ontong delivered the message of salvation and about twenty of them received Christ as their Lord and Saviour. What Jesus said is true. "The harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few."

We are praying and trying to enhance the sincerity of every laborer to work patiently in His great vineyard. Also, we are praying and trying to edify the new babes in Christ through visitation, Bible study and leading them to a way of true worship.

Brethren, let us bend our knees together to the Lord of the harvest and pray continuously for the success and fulfilment of our dream, the Great Comission.

## **FIRST SEVEN BAPTIZED**

*by Pastor Arman Manzano*

November 3, 1990, was a very memorable day for Pastor Edito S. Madduma, the pioneering

pastor in the new open church located at Duhat Street, Narra, Palawan.

Seven new converts were baptized, after several days of teaching about the life of Christ and baptism. The officiating minister was the Rev. Jaapal S. Ontong. It was the first baptismal

service done in Narra (since the work started in July 1990).

Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the hard work of Pastor Madduma, the ministry of reconciliation has begun its work in Narra, Palawan. We can all help him as he works in God's harvest there through prayer.

## **THE GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH OF SABINAS, COAH**



*by Antonio Escobar*

Brother Cristobal Vasquez is the minister of one of our churches here in the state of Coahuila. When I spoke to him about his experience in the ministry, he related to me of having gone through some very difficult moments. But he also said that he has been able to overcome these difficulties in the strength of the One who one day called him to the ministry. He recalled the promises the Lord made to his servants: "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed; for the LORD thy God is with thee wherever thou goest" (Joshua 1:9).

The work of the pastor is difficult everywhere in the world, Satan also being present in all these places to limit the work of the shepherd of the Lord. Here we claim the promises of the Lord in our prayer to claim for the Lord of the harvest the victory. "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together and they were filled with the Holy Spirit and they spoke the word of God with boldness" (Acts 4:31).

I am praying for these men who have answered the call to the gospel ministry so that they can continue to preach with power the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.



## LUCBUAN SEMINAR

by Elmer Garcellano



Arman R. Manzano



Elmer Garcellano

Last November 19-20, 1990, were two busy days for the evangelism personnel. They were conducting a two-day seminar on the Four Spiritual Laws. The lecturers were Pastor Arman R. Manzano and his co-worker, Brother Elmer Garcellano. The seminar was held at Barangay Lucbuan, Cito Catumbal, Puerto Princesa City, under the leadership of the Rev. Ariston Pilapil.

The very important aim of the seminar, which was conducted by the evangelism personnel, was to help the fellowship grow in spiritual living and in number.

The Evangelism Department hopes that those members who have been trained will grow in faith and help their pastor to minister in their barangay.

Praise God! There were nine faithful members of the Catumbal

Fellowship who committed their time and efforts to attend the seminar, in spite of their business and busyness. They were Brothers Pablo Fabilla, Job Fabilla, Jesus Valenzuela and Sisters Felisa Fabilla, Rita Fabilla, Norma Valenzuela, Nancy Bungalzo, Alma Gonzaga and Cristituta Francesco.

The Lord really gave them a big part in that seminar. They were a witness to four visitors who attended and observed the training. Then after the actual demonstration, the trained members immediately shared the Word of God with the visitors, applying what they had learned from the seminar. Praise God! They accepted Christ as their personal Saviour and Lord.

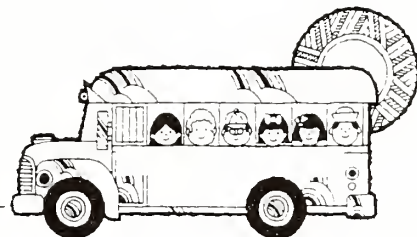
According to the Rev. Ariston Pilapil, before he was assigned by

the Mission Department to Lucbuan, the people in that place believed in the Catholic teaching and method in life. They were blinded to the true gospel of God. But when the Free Will Baptist Mission Department assigned him to this area, there were some people who accepted Christ and His Word through Bible study. Then after a few months, they built a small building where they can gather together to worship the Lord every Sunday and for every activity which the Lord has commanded. Their small building is a very nice building for worship.

We, the evangelism personnel, encourage you all to continue praying for the pastor and his leadership, and also for the members of Catumbal Free Will Baptist Fellowship.

Thank you! God bless you!

## Cragmont



### CONFERENCE SCHEDULE 1991

#### MORNING STAR

April 5-7  
Mrs. Alice Barrow  
Route 2, Box 375  
Snow Hill, NC 28580  
(919) 747-3688

#### JUNE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

June 10-15  
Mrs. Alice Barrow  
Route 2, Box 375  
Snow Hill, NC 28580  
(919) 747-3688

#### MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

June 17-20  
Phillip Boykin  
Route 5, Box 177  
Dunn, NC 28334  
(919) 892-8360

#### CHRISTIAN CADET

June 24-29  
Gary Bailey  
112 Crosswinds Drive  
Goldsboro, NC 27530  
(919) 735-3916

#### YOUTH FRONTIER (YFA)

July 1-6  
Scott and Janie Sowers  
Route 1, Box 106-B  
Farmville, NC 27828  
(919) 753-4260

#### YOUTH FRONTIER (AFC)

July 8-13  
Doug Skinner  
804 Cooper Street  
Winterville, NC 28590  
(919) 756-0520

#### GENERAL YOUTH II

July 15-20  
Chris Singleton  
Box 162  
Beulaville, NC 28518  
(919) 298-3520

#### GENERAL YOUTH I

July 22-27  
Bryant Hines  
Box 266  
Cove City, NC 28523  
(919) 633-2683

#### YOUNG PEOPLE'S BIBLE

July 29—August 3  
James Gurganus  
Route 3, Box 64  
Newport, NC 28570  
(919) 223-5251

#### AUGUST WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

August 5-10  
Mrs. Alice Barrow  
Route 2, Box 375  
Snow Hill, NC 28580  
(919) 747-3688

#### FALL LIMITED EDITION

October 14-17  
Cragmont Assembly  
1233 North Fork Road  
Black Mountain, NC 28711  
(704) 669-7677

#### CRAGMONT CLUB I

October 18-20  
Cragmont Assembly  
1233 North Fork Road  
Black Mountain, NC 28711  
(704) 669-7677

#### CRAGMONT CLUB II

October 25-27  
Cragmont Assembly  
1233 North Fork Road  
Black Mountain, NC 28711  
(704) 669-7677

#### CORNERSTONE

November 29—December 1  
Mrs. Alice Barrow  
Route 2, Box 375  
Snow Hill, NC 28580  
(919) 747-3688

#### CHRISTMAS LIMITED EDITION

December 6-8  
Cragmont Assembly  
1233 North Fork Road  
Black Mountain, NC 28711  
(704) 669-7677



During the spring and summer months, church finance committees begin considering their budget proposals. The Free Will Baptist Minister's Program has examined pay scales used by many businesses, organizations and denominational structures. Using the North Carolina teacher's pay scale, in conjunction with the benefit packages offered by Methodist, Baptist, and Presbyterian churches, the ministry offers the following guidelines.



## F.W.B. MINISTER BASIC COMPENSATION PACKAGE

For many years the Minister's Program has recognized the need for a uniform salary structure to serve as a guide for churches and ministers alike to assist them in their planning together. This document is a result of careful consideration on the part of the directors of the Program and we would like to submit this work to you for your consideration.

There are many factors that went into these recommendations and we would encourage the minister and the church to talk about each item and how it affects each party.

While we do look at church size, and the minister's experience and educational level, other factors such as the church's ability to pay and the vocational status of the minister are not taken into account.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

#### CHURCH CLASSIFICATION

DIRECT INCOME:	I	II	III	IV
Base	12,500	16,500	23,000	27,000
Housing	3,500	4,620	6,440	7,560
Utilities	1,225	1,617	2,254	2,646
FRINGE INCOME:				
Retirement	1,250	1,650	2,300	2,700
Medical Ins.	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Disability Ins.	500	600	700	800
Life Ins.	500	500	500	500
Social Security	812	1,072	1,490	1,755
EXPENSE:				
Travel/Conf.	2,000	2,800	2,800	2,800
Educational	200	300	400	400

\*Church Classification: For this study we have broken down churches into 4 classifications based on size:

Membership	
0- 99	I
100-199	II
200-299	III
300 +	IV



As previously mentioned, we have also taken the minister's experience and educational level into consideration. This is as follows:

# MINISTER

Education		Experience	
2 years	0%	1- 9	0%
4 years	8%	10-19	10%
Graduate Degree	12%	20 +	15%

It may be helpful to go through a couple of examples.

**Example:** A minister with a 4 year degree and 14 years of experience is pastoring a church with 150 members.

**Solution:** Take column II with a base of \$16,500 and then look at the minister's tables. Increase the direct, fringe and expense income by 8% for education and 10% for experience.

**Example:** A minister with a graduate degree and 8 years experience pastoring a church with 225 members.

**Solution:** Take the column III figures and increase them by 12% for education and 0% for experience.

As we pointed out, it is impossible to cover each and every contingency. So come budget time, sit down and go over the possibilities. And if we can help, please call on us. We are your Minister's Program:

## THE F.W.B. MINISTER'S PROGRAM

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Donald E. Fader, *Director*



## SCENES FROM THE 1991 MINISTERS' SPIRITUAL LIFE BANQUET



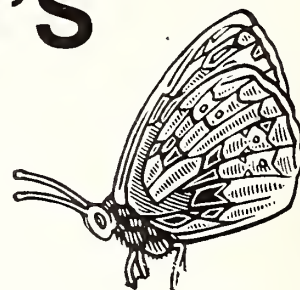


# SUMMER WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

## June Women's Conference

June 10-15, 1991

The Bible teachers for the June conference will be our missionary couple, Willem and Lydia van der Plas.



## August Women's Conference

August 5-10, 1991

(Remember: there **will not** be a second Women's Conference in August.)

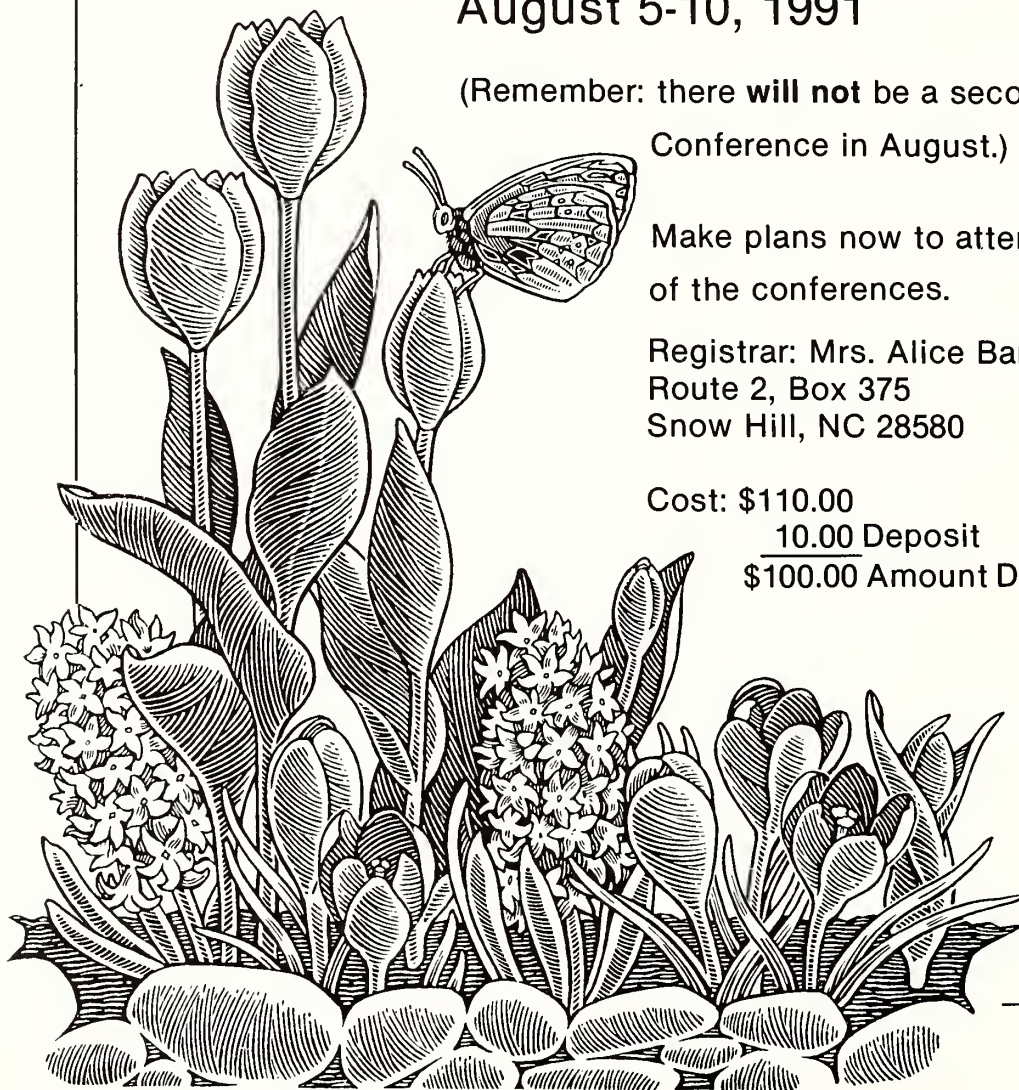
Make plans now to attend one or both of the conferences.

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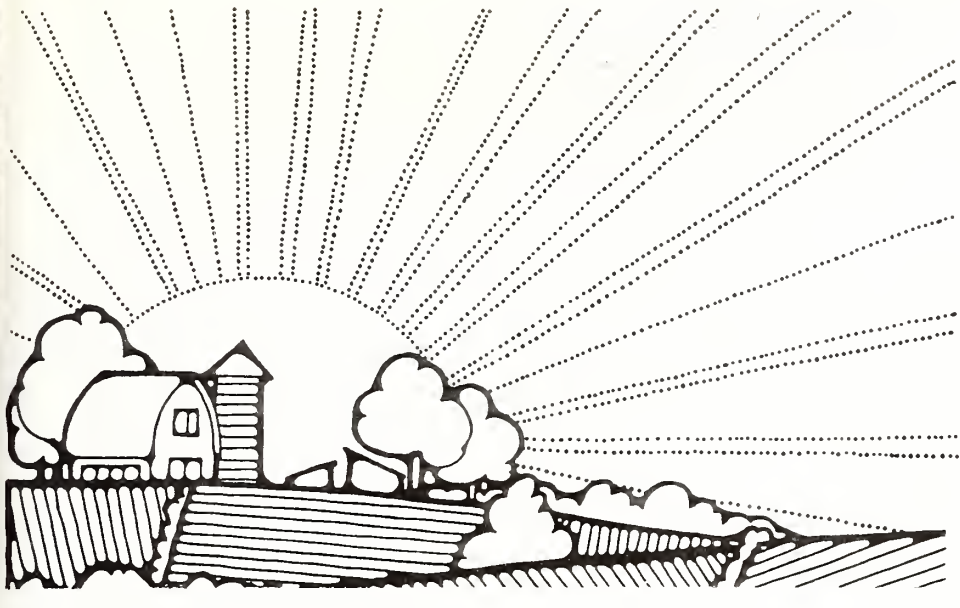
Cost: \$110.00  
    10.00 Deposit  
    \$100.00 Amount Due on Arrival

Different special mini-activities are planned for both weeks.

During both weeks we plan a trip to Cherokee, NC, to do some sight-seeing and to attend the outdoor drama "Unto These Hills." We also will do some shopping in the Black Mountain area.







## FIRST LIGHT

by Gaye Renfrow

As the darkness of night gives way to a new day, the first light reflects off the wet wood of the deck. The shapes of night can be seen clearly enough to distinguish between leafless trees and fence posts. Clouds are visible as they march across the eastern sky; and very soon you can tell what kind of weather will prevail. Within a few minutes' timespan, evidence of the night's weather can be seen—rain which washed away the dust of the day before or a new cover of snow on the ground.

Soon the sun's brightness illuminates the rose bushes and the birds in the feeders, showing the colors and details that could not be seen previously. The freshly plowed field and the daffodil that opened recently take their place in the full light of the day.

Experiencing first light is wonderful, but what would life be like if the day never progressed past that point? There would be no color in the world, just grays and blacks. No details would be visible, only shapes and forms. There would be enough light to see how to walk around, but there would still be some hidden pitfalls that could not be seen.

Similarly, the Christian who remains at the first light of his experience with Christ misses a lot of color and detail in life, as well as falling into the hidden dangers along the way. How, then, does the Christian make sure he grows into the full "day" of Christianity?

A strong prayer life is essential for Christian growth. Paul wrote to the church at Thessalonica to "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Paul knew that the Thessalonian Christians, as well as modern-day Christians, needed to keep in constant contact with God. The person who walks closely with God will talk with God about all situations that arise in life. Nothing is too small or mundane to communicate about with God. Jesus told the parable of the judge and the widow so the listeners would understand that "men ought always to pray, and not to faint," according to Luke's Gospel. Those who pray only when trouble arises or when in worship services will find that they have missed a lot of what God has in store for His people.

Studying God's Written Word is also important in the growth of a Christian. Attempting to live a Christian life without reading and studying the Bible is like a student

who tries to pass a history test without reading or studying the textbook. Paul wrote to his young friend Timothy to "study to shew thyself approved unto God" (2 Timothy 2:15). Each time the faithful Christian opens God's Word to earnestly study, God will reveal Himself to the reader. As one elderly lady remarked, "I've read the Bible through 20 times, but God still shows me something new each time I read it."

To grow beyond the first light of Christianity, the believer needs his or her "time alone with God." People often comment that it is difficult to fit meditation time into their schedules. For the working mother, it would almost seem an impossibility. It may be that setting the alarm clock fifteen minutes earlier would work for some. Others might use their lunch hour for their "quiet time." Putting forth the extra effort to have time for just quiet meditation alone with God will bring positive benefit to the individual.

Just as the dawn moves continuously toward full daylight, the Christian needs to move continuously toward a fuller relationship with God. One faithful believer said she felt she was missing out on something in her faith. After much prayer, she realized she had not actually done anything to foster her growth in the Lord. She started looking for a new Christian experience each day. She began by attending Sunday evening worship services. Soon she began participating in the Wednesday evening services. She found she was looking for ways to help others—sending sympathy and get-well cards to those who needed cheering up, grocery shopping for shut-ins, babysitting for a young mother. This woman was growing in the Christian way.

The first light of day is beautiful, but how much more wonderful when the sunlight of God's love shines not only upon us, but through us to reach others!



## A PROPOSAL

by C. H. Overman, General Secretary

In last month's "Notes and Quotes," we discussed the uniqueness of our denomination relating to its organization and organizations. In the last paragraph we asked: "Is anything missing in our variety of organization? What about the area of training which provides us with the opportunity of 'bringing up' Free Will Baptists to know something about our organization? . . . Could it be that in our diversified organization, we have neglected the most important aspect? With the decline of the Free Will Baptist League, we have missed out on perhaps our greatest opportunity."

There are some disturbing trends in the Christian movement today, at least disturbing to me. One of them is the trend away from denominationalism. We are told by some of the experts in church growth that more and more people today are interested in what a church can do for them and their families. Less interest exists in the denomination itself. Such an approach is not altogether wrong, but it just seems that we need more people who are asking, "What can I offer to my church and to my Lord?" In the mind of some I may be one of those who is too involved in the beliefs and support of my denomination. In other words, it matters to me; therefore, it seems that we need to teach our people about our doctrine, our history, etc. Denominationalism can only remain strong if we believe in ourselves and as long as it adheres to the Bible and the principles of Christian witness.

That area of "bringing up" Free Will Baptists has become a weak area. Specifically, there was a time when the Free Will Baptist League helped to meet this need. It did train young and old alike to lead in programs, discussions, etc. It also served to

teach about Free Will Baptists.

Our youth organizations have served somewhat of a different function. They have served to "train" in certain areas, but there seems to be something missing in actually reaching our youth for Christ and then challenging them to Christian service and commitment. Let it be understood that we are not criticizing those who have carried on this work. But perhaps it is time to re-examine the area of youth ministry and training; therefore, our proposal is this: Let's think seriously about a total reorganization of our youth ministry that would incorporate some of the sound ideas of the Free Will Baptist League. Let's involve all those who have been working in this area. Let's come

up with a new name, a new everything. Let's include all ages in the area of training and leadership and let's not be hesitant in teaching our faith and then challenging our people, especially our youth, to Christian commitment. I don't have all the answers as to how this could be done. I do feel, however, that it is an area we need to seriously consider. I'm not sure how it should be done, but I have been thinking about it for some time. For the time being, however, I'll just keep thinking about it and maybe something will develop and the answer will come and we will then know what to do and God will bless our efforts because we have honored Him. Wouldn't that be great!



As you know, as General Secretary, I attend many of our denominational meetings and ministry board meetings. On February 22, I attended the Retirement Homes board meeting at our Headquarters and took this picture of the Board members' wives. They included (L-R): Mrs. Billy Hardee, Mrs. Faye Sutton, Mrs. Harry Jones, Mrs. Mary Jones, and Mrs. Dot Burns. Before the meeting they enjoyed a "pancake meal" served by the Ayden Rotary Club. It was nice to have the ladies on the scene.



## BIRDS IN THE BIBLE

Spring is here! Flowers are blooming and birds are singing. The Bible speaks of many different kinds of birds. Fill in the blanks with the missing letters to discover the names of 15 birds mentioned in the Bible.

1. \_ o \_ e (Psalm 68:13)
2. e \_ \_ l e (Exodus 19:4)
3. o \_ \_ (Leviticus 11:16)
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5. o s \_ \_ i \_ h (Job 39:13)
6. p e \_ c \_ c k (Job 39:13)
7. \_ e l \_ \_ a n (Leviticus 11:18)
8. \_ u r t l \_ d \_ \_ e (Genesis 15:9)
9. p \_ g \_ o \_ (Genesis 15:9)
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12. s \_ a r \_ o w (Psalm 84:3)
13. \_ w a l \_ o \_ (Psalm 84:3)
14. \_ \_ o r k (Leviticus 11:19)
15. v u \_ t \_ r e (Leviticus 11:14)





JOTS & TITTLES is compiled by Gary Burbage. Gary is director of Admissions and Recruiting at Beaufort County Community College. His wife, Donna, and two children, Mary Beth and Kyle, attend Sidney Church.

### WORKING WITH VOLUNTEERS

Today's volunteers in the church may be more career-oriented than those of their previous generation. These suggestions may help you when working with your volunteer groups.

- Consider volunteers as project managers. They expect results and want projects with real value.
- Offer serious incentives. Free child care may be one.
- Match volunteers with their ambitions as related to assignments available.
- Allow volunteers to test the water before over committing themselves. Offer busy people flexible hours.

### COMMUNICATIONS BRIEFINGS

#### Be Ye Holy

According to a recent Roper Poll, born-again Christians do not necessarily behave better after conversion. The survey stated that while 4% of born-again admitted to drunken driving before conversion, 12% acknowledged doing so after; concerning illegal drug usage: 5% before, 9% after. Adultery doubled among born-again: 2% before, 5% after.

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### KEEPING COPIER COSTS DOWN

When preparing church bulletins, handouts, or other materials on your copier, don't leave the lid open. Leaving the lid open makes the drum pick up enough toner to cover the entire glass area. This results in wasted toner and could create added service calls.

Datamax Office Systems

### MINISTERING TO THE DISABLED

Dr. Chada Maloff and Susan Macduff Wood offer the following guidelines in working with the disabled:

- Always offer help. It can always be declined.

- Sit when talking to those in wheelchairs. Face them straight on.
- Never take the arm of someone with a cane. Walk beside them and offer your arm as support.
- Always invite the disabled to events—even if they can't physically participate. They can watch, keep score, and provide fellowship.
- Let the phone ring longer when calling a hearing-impaired person. Turn off distracting noises on your end (T.V., dishwasher, radio, etc.).

Modern Maturity

### AN UNUSUAL FUND-RAISING TIP

Pastor John Dodson of the United Methodist Church in Los Altos, CA, used this unusual fund-raising method to help a church member in financial difficulty. Pastor Dodson gave each of his 200 church members a five-dollar bill and challenged them to invest it in anyway each person desired. In six weeks, Dodson's \$1,000 seed investment generated \$7,000.

Single Adult Ministries

### VISITOR VERSUS GUEST

When recognizing individuals visiting in your church, refer to them as a *guest* rather than a *visitor*. Outsiders feel more welcome as guests than visitors.

Communications Briefings

### THE GREAT COMMISSION

Christian Advocates Serving Evangelism (CASE), headed by attorney Jay Sekulow, recently defended the right to proclaim the gospel in Canada. The issue: whether airports were appropriate for free speech activities including evangelism.

On January 25, 1991, the Supreme Court of Canada in a unanimous decision ruled in favor of CASE's defense. The airports and train stations throughout Canada have been opened for the gospel. The Court even referred to Jeremiah 11:6, "Proclaim all these words in the towns of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem."

CASENOTE

### PATRIOTIC DUTY

There was a time in U.S. History when government service used to be just that—service. America's founding father's saw serving in government as a patriotic duty, the price of living in a free country.

The House of Representatives was to be made up of citizen legislators, people who traveled to the Capitol a couple of times a year to take care of America's legislative business. In those days, America's lawmakers were gainfully employed in their own communities.

House and Senate members had no offices of their own until 1908. In 1914, the total number of congressional staff, including committee staff, was just 400—less than one staffer for each of the 531 members of the House and Senate.

Compare that to today's congressional monstrosity, which employs some 38,000 staff members. The part-time citizen legislator has been transformed into a Congressman-for-life.

In the early years of this century, Congress spent \$500 million to run the entire federal government. Today, Congress spends \$2.3 billion just to run itself.

Freedom Alliance

### TED TURNER ON JESUS CHRIST

Ted Turner, whose business interests include cable networks Superstation TBS and CNN, was recently awarded Humanist of the Year Award.

According to the *American Spectator*, Ted Turner stated upon receiving the award: "I'm sure Christ was a wonderful person," but as for His having come down and suffered on the Cross "so that our sins would be washed away—weird, man, I'm telling you."

National Review, March 1991



**STUDY GUIDE FOR 1992  
JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE SWORD DRILL  
North Carolina State Convention  
of Free Will Baptist Leagues**

Theme: Hear the Word of the Lord Concerning *Commitment* and *Christian Outreach*

**I. Scripture Searching**

(Theme: Word)

1. Deuteronomy 8:3
2. Matthew 4:4
3. Romans 10:8
4. Psalms 68:11
5. Ephesians 1:13
6. Jeremiah 44:28
7. Colossians 1:5
8. James 1:18
9. Mark 4:14
10. Luke 9:26
11. John 6:63
12. Revelation 3:8
13. Hebrews 4:12
14. 1 Peter 1:23
15. 1 John 1:1
16. Luke 2:11
17. 1 Thessalonians 1:5
18. Mark 1:15
19. John 3:16
20. Romans 10:9-10
21. Ephesians 2:8-9
22. Galatians 6:9
23. Revelation 19:13
24. John 1:1

**II. Unfinished Quotations**

(Theme: Commitment)

1. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God . . ." (Romans 12:1-2).
2. "Commit thy way unto the LORD . . ." (Psalm 37:5).
3. "O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust . . ." (1 Timothy 6:20).
4. "Commit thy works unto the LORD . . ." (Proverbs 16:3).
5. "If my people, which are called by my name . . ." (2 Chronicles 7:14).
6. "Study to show thyself approved unto God . . ." (2 Timothy 2:15).

7. "His Lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant . . ." (Matthew 25:23).

8. "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much . . ." (Luke 16:10).

9. "Moreover it is required in stewards . . ." (1 Corinthians 4:2).

10. "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart . . ." (Proverbs 3:5-6).

11. "Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison . . ." (Revelation 2:10).

12. "Even so faith, if it hath not works . . ." (James 2:17).

**III. Character Drill**

(The Early Patriarchs—Fathers)

1. Enoch (Genesis 5:24)
2. Noah (Genesis 6:8)
3. Abraham (Genesis 12:1)
4. Isaac (Genesis 17:19)
5. Jacob (Genesis 25:26)  
(Leaders in Early Hebrew History)
6. Joseph (Genesis 39:1-2)
7. Moses (Exodus 2:10)
8. Aaron (Exodus 4:14)
9. Joshua (Joshua 1:1)  
(Principal Judges)
10. Othniel (Judges 3:9)
11. Deborah (Judges 4:9)
12. Gideon (Judges 6:11)
13. Jephthah (Judges 11:1-2)
14. Samson (Judges 14:5-6)
15. Eli (1 Samuel 1:9)
16. Samuel (1 Samuel 3:1)  
(Kings of United Kingdom)
17. Saul (1 Samuel 9:15-17)
18. David (2 Samuel 5:3)

19. Solomon (1 Kings 1:39)  
(Principal Prophets)

20. Balaam (Numbers 22:29-30)

21. Elijah (2 Kings 1:3-4)

22. Elisha (2 Kings 4:1)

23. Isaiah (1:1-2)

24. Daniel (1:3-4, 6)

**IV. Book Drill**

1. Luke
2. Malachi
3. Romans
4. Leviticus
5. Jude
6. Zephaniah
7. Galatians
8. Joshua
9. 2 Peter
10. Obadiah
11. 1 Kings
12. Colossians
13. Hosea
14. Ezra
15. 2 Thessalonians
16. Hebrews
17. Jeremiah
18. 1 Timothy
19. Esther
20. Jonah
21. James
22. Proverbs
23. Titus
24. Ecclesiastes

**V. Topical Drill (Convention of Free Will Baptists Five-Year Theme)**

1. Hear (Isaiah 39:5)
2. Listen (Romans 10:17)
3. Understand (Luke 24:45)
4. Act (James 1:22)
5. Preached (Acts 8:5)
6. Word (Psalm 119:105)
7. Learn (Deuteronomy 31:12)
8. Knowledge (Proverbs 22:17)
9. Heed (Luke 8:18)

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10. Attentive (Nehemiah 1:6)
11. Voice (Job 37:2)
12. Wise (Hosea 14:9)
13. Fear (Ecclesiastes 12:13)
14. Speech (John 8:43)
15. Ways (Psalm 25:4)
16. Remembrance (John 14:26)
17. Doctrine (1 Timothy 6:3-5)
18. Good Works (Titus 2:7-8)
19. Milk (Hebrews 5:12)
20. Prophets (2 Peter 2:1)
21. Master (Matthew 22:16)
22. Mystery (Colossians 1:26)
23. Wisdom (Colossians 3:16)
24. Commandments (1 John 2:3)

VI. *Doctrinal Drill* (Theme: Christian Outreach—Witnessing)

1. The Bible teaches that we are to present our bodies a living sacrifice in His service (Romans 12:1-2).
2. The Bible teaches that we are to teach all nations

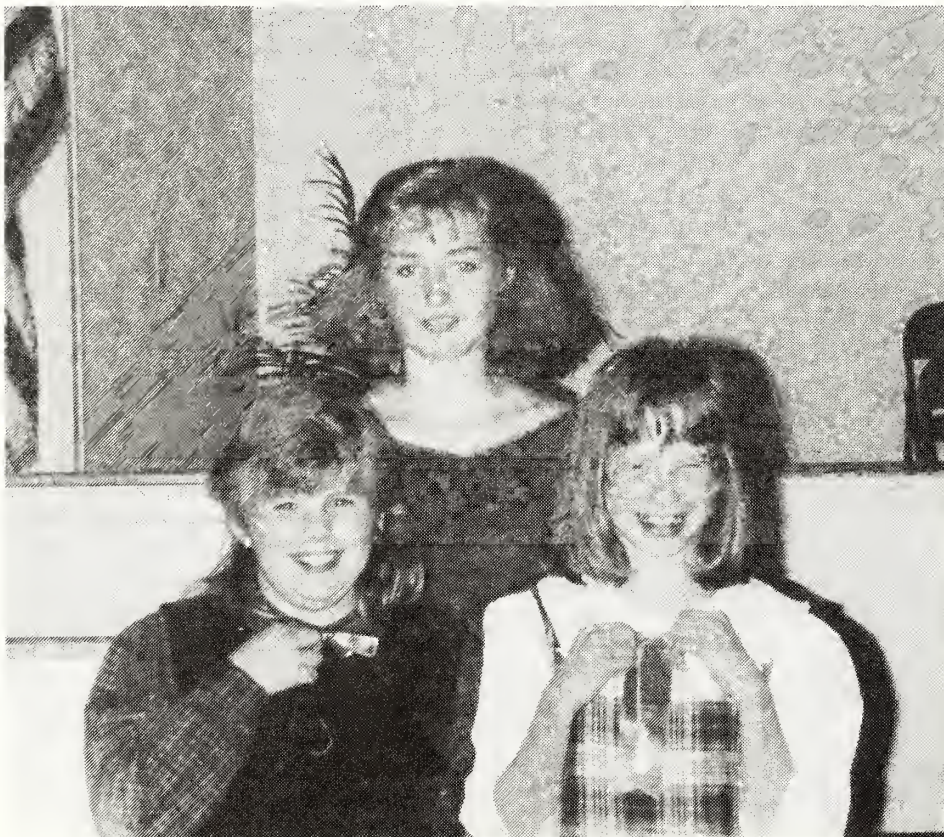
about Jesus (Matthew 28:19-20).

3. The Bible teaches that the harvest (lost people) is great and that we need laborers to go work (Luke 10:2).
4. The Bible teaches that we must witness to the uttermost parts of the earth (Acts 1:8).
5. The Bible teaches that we need preachers to preach the gospel (Romans 10:14).
6. The Bible teaches that we need to help others understand the Bible (Acts 8:30-31).
7. The Bible teaches that the greatest gift we can possess is love (1 Corinthians 13:13).
8. The Bible teaches that we must study God's Word in order to be a correct workman (2 Timothy 2:15).
9. The Bible teaches that a faithful witness is honest (Proverbs 14:5).

10. The Bible teaches that we are created in Christ Jesus unto good works (Ephesians 2:10).
11. The Bible teaches that our work in the Lord is not in vain (for nothing) (1 Corinthians 15:58).
12. The Bible teaches that those who die in the Lord will rest from their labors (Revelation 14:13).

Bibles will be provided. Those used are American Bible Society KJVOO312. Any church or youth group may have 2 Junior (ages 9-11) and 2 Intermediate (ages 12-15) contestants in the state Bible Sword Drill. However, at the Convention the church must register with a \$25 registration fee. *Notice!* Only Bible references from this study guide will be accepted. *Please observe rules correctly!* God bless you!

For additional information, contact Mrs. Margaret Ard, Route 1, Box 155, Pink Hill, NC 28572; phone (919) 568-4685.



The winners of the 1991 State Sword Drill are as follows: Kasey Britton, second place, junior level; Stacey Burgess, first place, intermediate level; and Clair Taylor, first place, junior level.



# S'91C

## State Youth Convention Theme: "Christ and Me in Today's World"

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### FRIDAY, MAY 17

- 5:00 PM • Registration, College Hall
- 5:00-6:00 PM • Registration of Art and Crafts, Room 202  
• Registration of Christian Writing, Room 201
- 6:00 PM • Band Practice, College Hall
- 6:30 PM • Judging of Art and Crafts (judges only)  
• Meeting for all Talent participants only in the Chapel.
- 7:30 PM • Talent Competition, College Hall. Last year's winners performing, Devotion, State Youth Band  
• Student Center will be open until 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday (refreshments and games)
- 11:15 PM • Good night; everyone in his/her room
- 11:30 PM • Devotions in each dorm, apartment outside and at motel

#### SATURDAY, MAY 18

- 7:30-8:30 AM • Breakfast, Downtown Campus
- 8:30 AM • Registration, College Hall for new arrivals
- 9:00 AM • General assembly, College Hall, everyone  
• Devotion  
• Announcements  
• Who's who??
- 10:00 AM • Competitions begin  
• Bible Bowl Finals, Chapel  
• Lesson Presentation, Henderson Building, Room 111

- Public Speaking, Henderson Building, Room 113

If you are not participating in or watching a competition, something special for you from 10 to 11:15:  
9 and Younger—Student Center  
12 and Younger—To Be Announced  
12 and Older—College Hall

- 11:30-12:15 • Choir Practice, College Hall
- 11:30-1:00 • Lunch, Downtown Campus  
• Bookstore will be open
- 1:30 PM • General assembly, everyone  
• Devotions  
• Business session
- 3:00 PM • Recreation time; softball, tennis, volleyball, basketball and games for Cherubs
- 5:15 PM • Winners' reception, Downtown Campus, upstairs (for all First-place District Winners, Sponsors, Judges, District Chairmen, State Officers)
- 5:30-6:30 PM • Supper, cookout on campus outside of Men's Dorm
- 6:15-6:45 PM • Choir practice, College Hall
- 7:00 PM • Awards program  
• Devotion  
• State Youth Choir  
• State Youth Band  
• Special entertainment, Anita and David  
• Presentation of awards
- 8:30 PM • Free time  
• Student Center open until 10:30
- 11:15 PM • Good night; everyone in his/her room
- 11:30 PM • Devotions—dorm, motel or apartments

#### SUNDAY, MAY 19

- 8:00-9:00 AM • Breakfast
- 10:00 AM • Morning Worship, Rodgers Chapel  
• State Youth Choir  
• Reflections  
• Public Speaking Winners  
• Message, James Cahoon
- 11:15 AM • Cleanup and check out

### GENERAL INFORMATION

- State Convention T-shirts will be sold.
- Cost of meals provided by Mount Olive College Cafeteria will be \$2 for breakfast, and \$3 for lunch or supper.
- Cost of lodging overnight will be \$6 per person per night.
- Guests must bring their own pillows, blankets, linens, bath cloths, towels, soap, money for meals and snacks, Bible, notebook and pencil, and casual clothes for the weekend.
- The Mount Olive College bookstore will be open on Saturday.
- Rooms will be assigned in the order that registration forms are received (first received, first served).
- Money for lodging should be sent with a \$25 registration fee (per church) by May 1, 1991.
- Meal tickets must be purchased upon arrival on Friday night from 5:00 to 7:30.

Registration forms, along with lodging money and registration fee, should be sent to:

Joan Little  
Rt. 2, Box 347-C  
Farmville, NC 27828  
(919) 753-3217



Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please give address and phone number of person we may contact to answer questions about your group's registration:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Names of adults supervising young people staying overnight at the Convention (at least one adult male and one adult female; and they must be supervised at all times!):

Total number of youth & adults lodging overnight:

Friday	No.	Total
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Females (12 and under)	_____	_____
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Females (13 and up)	_____	_____
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**Saturday**

Males (12 and under)	_____	_____
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Males (13 and up)	_____	_____
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Females (12 and under)	_____	_____
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Females (13 and up)	_____	_____
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Registration fee (per church)	\$25
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Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of youth and adults eating meals provided by MOC cafeteria:

	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Breakfast	*	_____	_____
Lunch	*	_____	*
Supper	*	_____	*

(\* No meals served at this time)

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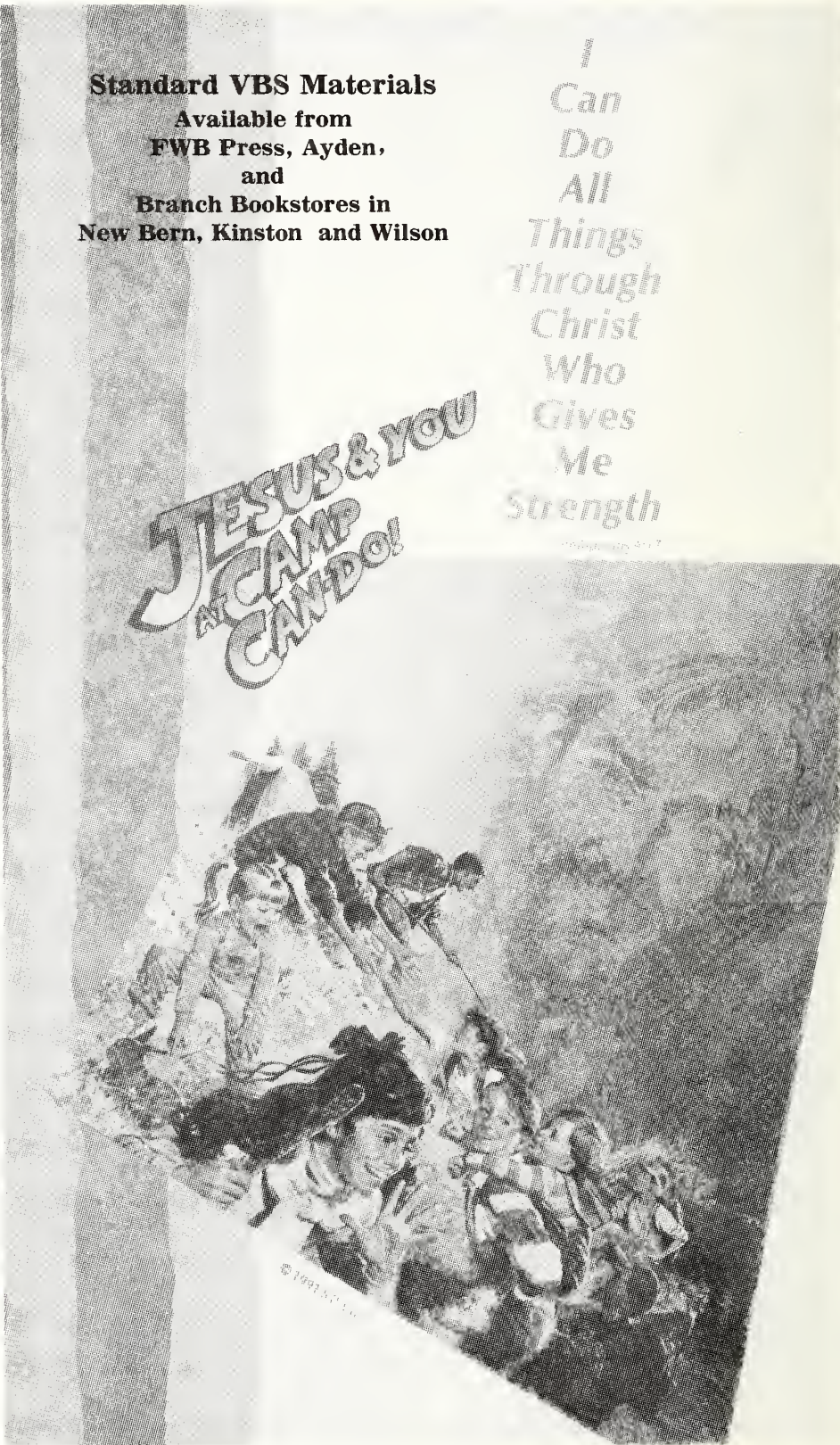
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## WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Sixty-fourth Annual Session of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention will be held on May 9 at East Rockingham Church, Rockingham, NC. The Convention theme will be "To Be True Servants" and John 12:26 has been selected as the Theme Scripture.

The scheduled program is as follows:

### MORNING SESSION

- 9:30—Registration
- 10:00—Hymn, "Love Divine"
  - Prayer for the Success of the Convention
  - Welcome, President of Piedmont Conference
  - Response
  - Announcements/Directions, President of East Rockingham Church Auxiliary
  - President's Greetings
  - Business Sessions
- 10:30—Hymn, Theme Song, "O, Jesus, I Have Promised"
  - Morning Message, Lydia van der Plas
  - Special Music
- 11:10—Memorial Service
  - Special Music
- 11:30—Life Membership
- 11:40—Hymn, "Make Me a Channel of Blessing"
  - Morning Offering
  - Appointment of Special Committees
  - Special Recognition of Denominational Representatives
- 12:00—Lunch Announcement
  - Benediction

### AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Theme Song, "O, Jesus, I Have Promised"
  - Devotions, Marie Holmes
  - Special Music
- 1:30—Miscellaneous Business
  - Reports
  - Hymn, "It Is Well With My Soul"
  - Benediction

## DIRECTIONS TO EAST ROCKINGHAM CHURCH

When traveling from the east, go to Lumberton and take Highway 95-South. Just past Lumberton, turn right on Highway 74 and go to Rockingham.

At Rockingham, turn left on Highway 1. Go a couple of blocks on Highway 1 and turn left at

Village Motel. This will be a couple of blocks from Highway 74. The church will be on the left on this road, about ½ mile from Highway 1. (This road is Airport Road; however, it does not say Airport Road where you turn off Highway 1.)

## MOTELS

Days Inn

(Highway 74 and 220)

1-800-325-2525

919-895-1144

Murray Hill

(516 South Hancock, Highway 1-South)

919-997-5521

Royal Plaza

(114 Broad Avenue, Highway 74)

919-997-6636

## A NOTE TO YFA LEADERS

YFA Leaders, are you looking for something different to do with your youth group? If you are, why not look in your Woman's Auxiliary program booklet? The circle programs found in the *Devotion* can be used as devotional and/or program material at your youth meetings.

## MILITARY DAY OBSERVED

Sunday, March 17, was designated as "Military Day" at Holly Springs Church, located on the Nine Foot Road, in Newport. The church doors wore yellow bows, and the communion table

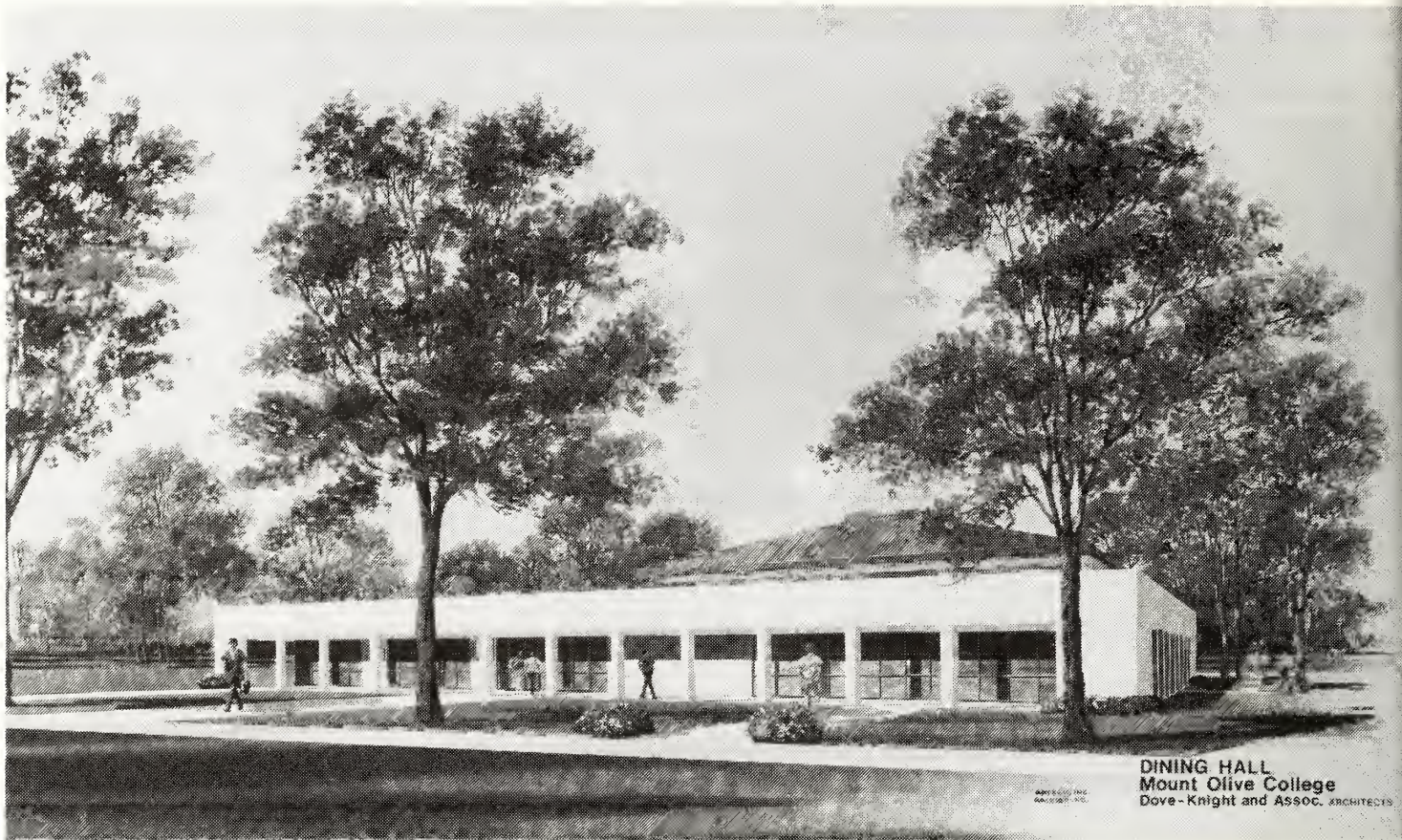
was in red, white and blue. Everyone attending received a red, white, blue and yellow ribbon to wear. As the service opened, two of our servicemen carried the Christian and American Flags, while the congregation sang the "Star Spangled Banner." During the service, the Rev. J. C. Yates, pastor, read the names of all service people affiliated with Holly Springs who were in the Gulf area. During the service, Mr. Yates played a tape sent to him by M/SGT S. R. Downey from Saudi Arabia. It was a very touching service.

## ALBEMARLE MEN MEET

The Albemarle Conference Layman's League recently met at Shiloh Church, Pinetown. Shown here are John Windley singing a solo and members of the Layman's League Choir.







### A NEW DINING HALL FOR MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Construction Target Date	1992
Dining Capacity	600
Estimated Cost	\$2 million
(Including construction, furniture, equipment, architectural services, utility connections and paved parking lot)	
Location	Adjacent to College Hall

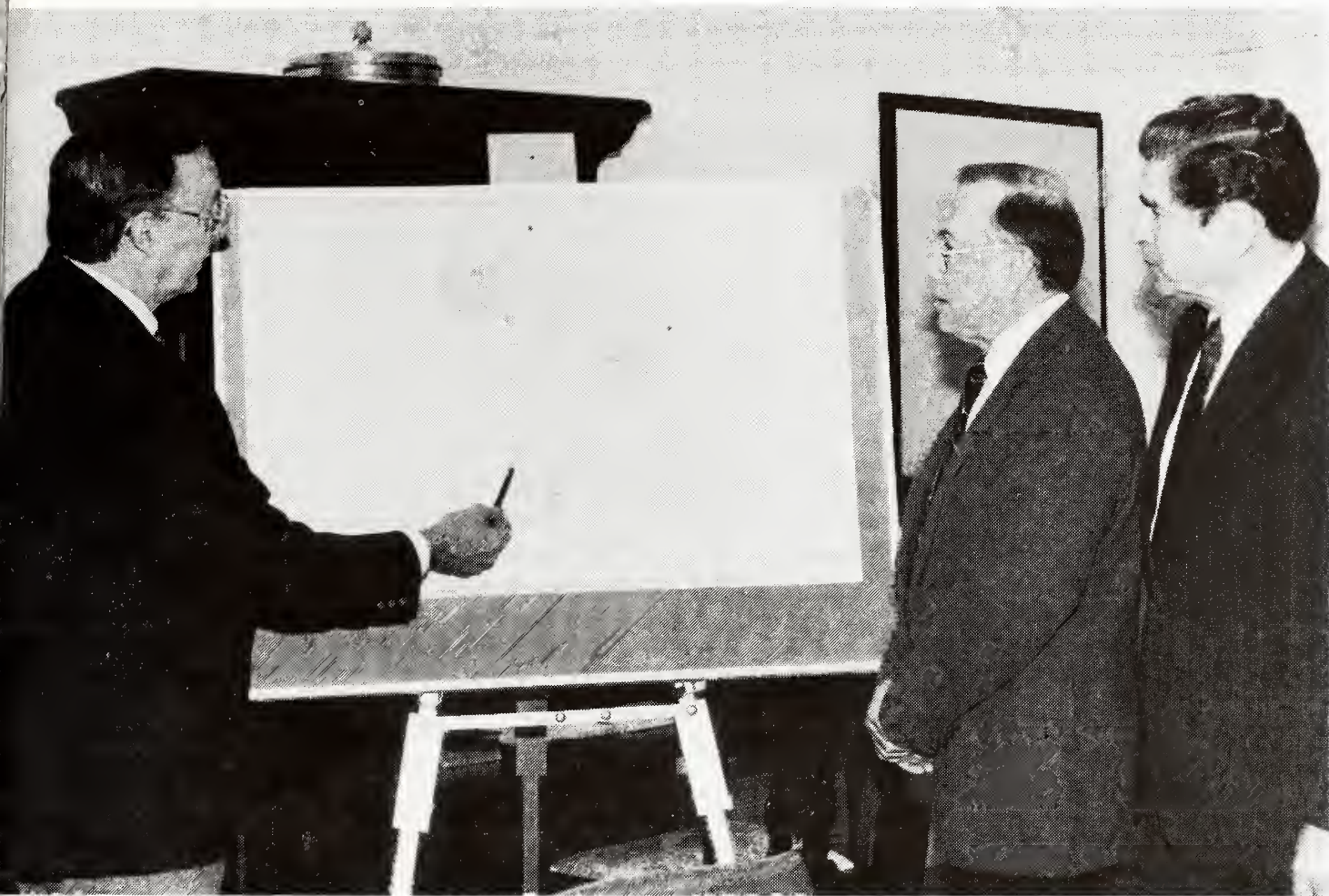
Gifts and pledges through early April had totaled approximately one-third of the cost of the Dining Hall project. November 1991 has been set as the target date to secure the additional gifts and pledges needed.

The College is seeking one hundred donors who will give \$10,000 over a five-year period (\$2,000 annually or \$500 quarterly). Among these one hundred donors, we hope there will be at least twenty-five churches, which would represent approximately ten percent of the churches which make up the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. The other seventy-five donors will include individuals, families, and business and corporate friends of the College.

Below is a proposed schedule of gifts totaling \$2 million over a five-year period.

Size Gifts/Pledges	Number Required	Five-Year Total
\$500,000 (Already Received)	1	\$ 500,000
100,000	1	100,000
75,000	1	75,000
50,000	1	50,000
25,000	4	100,000
10,000	100	1,000,000
5,000	10	50,000
2,500	10	25,000
1,000	25	25,000
Less Than \$1,000	200	75,000
Totals:	353	\$2,000,000





William Dove of Dove-Knight Associates of Rocky Mount, left, discusses the design of the new dining facility with Mount Olive College Trustee Board Chairman, L. Marvin Edwards Jr., center, and MOC President W. Burkette Raper (photo by Patti O'Donoghue).

## **MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT 1991**

Two speakers have been invited to address the 1991 Mount Olive College graduating class. Commencement events are open to the public, and all friends of the College are invited to attend.

The Rev. Scott Sowers, president of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, will give the Worship Service address on Sunday, May 5, at 7:30 p.m., in College Hall.

Sowers is pastor at Marlboro Church in Farmville. He has held the offices of vice president, secretary, and member-at-large of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. He has also served as secretary and assistant moderator of the Central Conference.

An alumnus of Mount Olive College, Sowers also graduated from May 1991



The Rev. Scott Sowers

Barton College and has done graduate work at Columbia Bible College in Columbia, South

Carolina. He was named in 1989 to WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN CHURCH LEADERSHIP.

A top-ranking Air Force officer from Seymour Johnson Air Force Base has been invited to speak at Graduation Exercises. Graduation will be held Saturday, May 11, at 10:30 a.m., in College Hall.

## **FROM HUMBLE BEGINNINGS**

*(Edited from "Then and Now")*

*by Blanche Hargrove Jarrett*

*First secretary to Mount Olive College)*

*March 1991*

Blanche Hargrove Jarrett, secretary at Mount Olive College in 1954-1956, called MOC President W. Burkette Raper one windy, chilly March morning. "Did he have time to give her and her daughter Kathy a campus tour?" she asked. He did. What Mrs. Jarrett saw and felt is reflected here—

(Turn the Page)





Blanche Hargrove Jarrett, the first secretary at Mount Olive College, receives a mug from Dr. W. Burkette Raper, MOC President, as a souvenir of her visit (photo by Patti O'Donoghue).

... I suppose one has to have been where we were in the 1950's to fully appreciate what the new campus means. Now, instead of my lone office and one lone desk, I can't begin to count the secretaries, computers, Xerox machines, telephones, thermostats on the walls, beautiful and worshipful chapel, gymnasium, tennis courts, spacious dorms, and the list goes on. I commented to Dr. Raper "from humble beginnings" and his response was "we are still humble."

While on campus I was asked if those of us in the beginning had a vision that the College would succeed. My response was that we had to have a vision—we had little else to go on. The salary wasn't great enough to entice anyone and the physical plant certainly wasn't a showcase, so a vision was what we worked with. When you walk into an office with one file cabinet, one typewriter and furniture that Dr. Raper described as "one notch above orange crates" and someone tells you this is the beginning of a college, you work with a vision.

In those early days, Mrs. Jarrett was already employed at the Mount Olive Chamber of Commerce. Her uncle, the Rev. Lloyd Vernon, a Free Will Baptist minister, mentioned that "the

Free Will Baptists planned to move their 'small' college from Black Mountain (Vernon served as president the year the College operated at Black Mountain) to Mount Olive and into the old school building." The young secretary "decided to cast my lot with a fledgling institution in which I had faith."

I was hired by Mr. James Evans (director of Public Relations) and began work... Mr. M. L. Johnson, Mr. James Evans, Mr. David Hansley and Mr. Stephen Smith seemed to me to be the ones mostly in the forefront until they came in one day and told me they had hired Burkette Raper as the new president of the College... He was young, not much older than myself, and not as experienced in his new profession as I had expected.

He moved into the same room where my office was, and worked from that space until the Tadlock brothers finished renovating a space for him midway down the hall... we installed a telephone extension to his office. We were big-time—we now had two full time employees, one telephone line and two telephones.

Mrs. Jarrett recalled the first faculty needed to teach the 22 students enrolled that September

in 1954—"Mrs. Carlton, Mrs. Hart, Alton Dail, Betty and Frank Hawkins—to mention a few. They were hired, had to develop curricula and get things going... By the grace of God... Mount Olive Junior College opened its doors at the appointed time."

She listed other names—Rusty's, where the students took their meals that first year; Mrs. Hansley, "confidant, cook, mother, friend, seamstress"; Dupree, "coming to work at 3 a.m." to stoke the furnace; Mr. Johnson, treasurer of the College, dispensing \$15 for "unexpected emergencies"; numerous "unsung heroes," and the Librarian Mildred Council.

Of course, all colleges need a library... we got books wherever we could. I remember boxes of used books... Mrs. Council would go through them with the anticipation of a child at Christmas. She knew... that a library needed a certain number of cataloged books before the College could pass the accreditation committee... faithful patrons also donated money... the Moye family was most gracious in this respect.

Mrs. Jarrett reflected on her 1991 tour of the campus. "The visit to the new campus was a real experience. The word that came immediately to mind and still lingers is 'overwhelming.' The College is a monument to the impossible and a manifestation of faith on the part of many people."

### **PASTOR SEEKS TO "HEAL THE HURTING" THROUGH MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE STUDIES**

*by Patti O'Donoghue*

*MOC Director of Public Information*

The Rev. Hilton Willetts, a Supply native and pastor at Bonaparte Baptist Church, Shallotte, moves steadily toward his educational goal—"to heal the hurting." Willetts will receive his Bachelor of Science degree from Mount Olive College, Saturday, May 11, 1991. By majoring in church ministries and minoring in psychology, the minister is honoring his ability to understand the

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problems and needs of those he serves.

"After suffering a devastating personal crisis, I realized I had to help people from the heart, not only from the pulpit," says Willetts. "I saw that so many people were hurting, just like I was."

The educational road for the 1956 Bolivia High School graduate has been filled with a succession of curves.

"Initially," he says, "I didn't do well in college, but I thought—if I'm going to be a minister I need more education." And so he began his journey.

He has been a licensed Baptist minister since 1962. He did his first pastoral work in the Southern Baptist denomination, becoming pastor at Calabash Baptist Mission. The congregation of the mission paid his tuition to attend Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute in Hendersonville, NC. He attended Fruitland for one year and continued his ministry at Calabash for three years.

Willetts has pastored at Prospect Baptist Church in Supply, Ephesus Baptist Church in Raeford, Grainger Baptist Church in Kinston, Faith Baptist Church in Bolivia, and Briar Branch Baptist Church in Elizabethtown. While doing construction work in Texas, Willetts also served churches in Rainbow and Nemo, Texas.

Education was never far from his thoughts. "I took all the evening classes I could," he remembers, "attending both Lenoir Community College and Southeastern Community College." Willetts earned an associate's degree from SCC in 1982.

"My goal is to show that there is value in education," he says. "There is no end to education. I enrolled at other colleges and majored in psychology, but they didn't have what I needed in the way of a religion program."

Willetts had been enrolled on and off at Mount Olive College,

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The Rev. Hilton Willetts talks with Dr. David Hines.

commuting to MOC from his home. He had sufficient credit for a minor in psychology, but he needed to complete a ministerial program. His educational goals began to take shape during a conversation with Dr. K. David Hines, MOC's director of Education for Christian Ministries and one of Willetts' former religion professors.

"I called Dr. Hines one day and we discussed my need for some kind of scholarship to continue my studies," Willetts says. "He pursued the matter and I was approved for ministerial aid."

Willetts returned to Mount Olive College in the spring of 1989 to finish his religion major. He enrolled in two courses (six credit hours) each semester and continued even through Summer School. The College awarded him credit for practical experience. He applauds the understanding and support of his wife, Charlotte, and children, Patti and David, both students at South Brunswick Middle School.

"I may just be the oldest student to ever receive a degree from

Mount Olive," he says, laughing. "It's for sure I worked long enough at it." Graduation exercises in May will be the culmination of his steady pursuit of a four-year degree. And what next?

"I'm going to take a summer break," he says. "Then I plan to enter the Chaplains Program at Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem. I want to help the hurting—the bereaved, the terminally ill, those suffering from sickness or family problems. To me, that's where life is, where you're hurting. I've seen so much misery," he adds, "I want to help lessen the hurts."

#### **MOC EASTER CONVOCATION: "IS THAT ALL THERE IS?"**

*by Pepper Worthington  
Writer-in-Residence  
Mount Olive College*

Ray K. Hodge, a retired Southern Baptist minister of more than 40 years, addressed friends of Mount Olive College and the student body in College Hall on March 26, 1991. Recalling singer Peggy Lee's song—"Is That All

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Author Ray K. Hodge of Smithfield, left, autographs one of his newly published books for the Rev. De Wayne Eakes, Mount Olive College Trustee and past president of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. The autograph session took place at the MOC Press luncheon in the downtown auditorium (photo by Patti O'Donoghue).

There Is?"—he asked a bold question: "Is there no real hope for today or tomorrow? Are we as depressed as Luke and Cleopas were in their seven-mile walk from Jerusalem to Emmaus?" Mr. Hodge added, "Both Luke and Cleopas had heard that Jesus was dead, that all their hopes of a Messiah had been taken to the grave. A visitor joined them and He listened to them. Luke writes that Jesus 'expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.' As soon as they knew Him, He 'vanished out of their sight.' Just think about this," said Mr. Hodge.

"Jesus appeared to Luke and Cleopas and spoke the story of the Scriptures. If there is no Resurrection, no Heaven, no real hope for today, then why not indulge in unrestrained living? If people live without a divine perception for their lives, then they will feel discouragement, defeat, desperation, and despair. Peggy Lee asks, 'Is that all there is?' If so, why not

turn to drugs, alcohol, immorality? Why not make life self-centered, concentrate on the here and now?"

Mr. Hodge paused, looked at the people gathered to remember Easter and its true meaning, then asked, "Are we wasting life on riotous living? Is there more to life than getting? Is there a tomorrow? Maybe Paul Harvey is right when he tells us to hear the rest of the story. **What** is the rest of the story?" he asked boldly.

He declared, "Easter is the rest of the story. Faith can overcome fear. Life can overcome death. The here and now is not all there is."

Mr. Hodge began speaking about a new life in Jesus Christ, a Heaven ahead, a heavenly purpose now. Easter is more than an introduction to the warm weather of spring or an occasion for bright, new clothes. "Some saw Jesus as still dead; others saw Him as the risen Christ," he declared. "Easter is about the

risen Christ."

To emphasize the dilemma of the two sides of the question—Is that all there is?—Mr. Hodge recalled Soren Kierkegaard's account of boyhood. In Denmark, a young boy wanted to go to the circus. The boy didn't know anything, but he worked hard for his father on the farm. When his father gave him permission to go to the circus, the boy was elated. His anticipation made him happier.

The boy went to the circus. He saw floats, cages with animals, an elephant, even a clown. In his excitement he ran up to the clown and put two coins in the clown's hand: the price for what he thought was the entire circus.

Years passed. The boy became a grandfather and decided one day to take his grandson to the circus. For the first time he realized he had never seen the real circus. All he had seen as a boy was the parade.

"You see," explained Mr. Hodge, "the boy had seen only the parade and never the circus. The parade is not all there is. No, not by a long shot."

He turned to look squarely into the faces gathered to remember Christ and declared, "There is more to life than the here and now, because of Jesus. The good news for us today comes from the graveyard. The good news is the Resurrection of Christ. We can turn to Him now. He is our purpose. He is our present. The Lord is risen. The Lord is risen indeed."

#### **MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE PRESS SPRING PREMIERE BOOK LUNCHEON**

Ray K. Hodge, *Light for Living: Personal Insights for Daily Devotions*. Mount Olive: Mount Olive College Press, 1991. 263 pages. \$12.95

On March 26, 1991, the Mount Olive College Press launched Ray K. Hodge's first published book, *Light for Living: Personal Insights for Daily Devotions*. In

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introducing the new eastern North Carolina author, editor of the Press, Dr. Pepper Worthington, said, "The Mount Olive College Press is honored to list Ray K. Hodge as one of its published authors. I believe Ray too is glad to be with the Mount Olive College Press. He said that he was happy to have the Press's endorsement, because he wants to see Mount Olive College grow, to see works written for the constituency of this College, and to see the Press as an outreach."

In explaining the function of the MOC Press, Dr. Worthington added, "The Press seeks to publish a variety of genres from fiction to nonfiction, from poetry to the essay. This first academic year the Press has published a book of poetry, a book of travel essays, and now a book of devotions."

As Dr. Worthington held up the spring premiere publication of the Press, she said, "Ray K. Hodge has a book with stories and anecdotes, written in a clear, concise fashion in order to give permanency to his memories. His book is a witness of two creative achievements: the story itself and the discipline to preserve that story."

In elaborating the purpose of the Mount Olive College Press to eastern North Carolina, Dr. Worthington insisted, "The ultimate purpose of communication is to speak the truth of personal experiences, to seek the ethical and spiritual dimensions of reality, to discover the larger visions and goals that link us not only to one another but to the larger world wherein today we are irrefutably linked."

After welcoming Mr. Hodge's wife and family, Dr. Worthington concluded, "I believe behind every great achievement is a substantial nurturer."

Author Hodge rose to greet more than 175 people who came to celebrate the official launching of his new book, *Light for Living*. He

admitted, "In all honesty, I felt I would be pleased if 30 came. I'd be highly gratified if 50 came. But today we have 175 people here."

As he looked across the audience, he declared, "You represent the cream from the churches, colleges, and towns of North Carolina. I see people from Pine Level, Robersonville, Dunn, Selma, Durham, Raleigh, Morehead City, Kinston, La Grange, Ayden, Grifton, even Smyrna, Georgia."

Before Author Hodge read from his new book, he asked W. Roy and Mary Poole of Kinston to stand, because he wished to dedicate his book to them, both of them friends to pastors. Applause erupted.

Then Author Hodge asked, "Why did I write this book?" He explained that an old newspaper friend, Jake Strother, had told him that there is no such thing as writing. There is only re-writing. As he worked on his book, *Light for Living*, he felt many times he needed to re-write some of his 71 chapters. Re-writing was compared to sweeping a floor: no matter how many times the broom is used, a little trash always remains.

To explain why he wrote the book, Author Hodge said, "I always had the urge to write even as a little boy. Only then I didn't have anything to say. I wrote this book, however, for four reasons. First, I wanted to develop ideas for my own use. I wanted to develop self-discipline and fulfillment."

Author Hodge paused, looked at his audience, and explained, "A second reason I wrote this book was to emphasize some important things in life. I wanted to pick up on some of those parts of life which are important."

The third reason he wrote his book was to benefit others. "I wanted people to be nourished by the truths I had learned. I wanted to put my peanuts on the bottom shelf so that everybody could

reach them, so to speak. This book is really an extension of my ministry."

The fourth reason Author Hodge wrote his book was to preserve both his ideas and experiences. "I wanted to give a permanency to my stories," he said.

Author Hodge read from his new book, then autographed copies for guests.

On March 27, he appeared on the Jack Hankin's morning talk show on WELS in Kinston. Talk-show host Hankins said, "There's a place for a book like this." He also added, "I'm glad to see the Mount Olive College Press publishing eastern North Carolina writers."

On the evening of March 27, Ray K. Hodge read to more than 100 people gathered in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church in Kinston. Once again Author Hodge emphasized his desire to extend his ministry through his new book, using his stories as another way to give permanency to what he had learned the past 40 years of his ministry. After his reading, he signed books in the library of the First Baptist Church.

Dr. Aubrey Jones, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Kinston, said, "Ray Hodge's book, *Light for Living*, is a result of insights gained over a lifetime by a person honestly rooted in reality and practicality. His words are the things of life, and his weaving of the fabric of commonality with his reader is a subtle art that may escape the eye but touch the heart. As I read, I found a rich mine of thought—jewels that brought their facets to the sheen of memory, as time, places, and people rose up from the realm of the nearly forgotten."

For more information about *Light for Living*, contact the Mount Olive College Press, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, NC 28365. The book sells for \$12.95, plus \$2 for postage and handling.

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If you wish an autographed copy of the book, request this when you place your order with the Mount Olive College Press.

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## COMING EVENTS AT MOC

### You Are Invited

**Sunday, May 5**—Commencement Worship Service, College Hall, 7:30 p.m., the Rev. Scott Sowers, president, Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, speaker.

**Saturday, May 11**—Graduation Exercises, College Hall, 10:30 a.m.

**Friday, May 17**—Sunday, May 19, Free Will Baptist State Youth Convention, Mount Olive College campus.

**May 20—June 21**—Summer School Session A.

**June 24—July 26**—Summer School, Session B.

Summer School classes meet Monday through Friday. Students may register the first day of each session. It is possible to earn 12 semester credit hours during Summer School—six hours per session is considered a full load. Cost is \$90 per semester credit hour and \$410 for room and board, if students wish to live on campus. Contact Dianne B. Riley, director of Admissions, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, NC 28365; telephone (919) 658-2502.

For more information, contact Patti O'Donoghue, MOC director of Public Information, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365. Telephone (919) 658-2502.



Davis family tours Mount Olive College campus—Mr. and Mrs. Travis Davis, center, and son Tommy, right, pause during a tour of the MOC campus. Tommy Davis is a junior at West Carteret High School and is beginning his college search. The family, from Holly Springs Church, Newport, looks over the admissions procedure with Dianne B. Riley, MOC director of Admissions, left, and Jimmy Williams, vice president for Institutional Advancement, in back. Students, prospective students, and their parents are always welcome to visit the MOC campus. Applications are being accepted for fall semester, and financial aid is still available for qualified students. Arrangements may be made by contacting Mrs. Riley, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, NC; (919) 658-2502 (photo by Patti O'Donoghue).



Free Will Baptist Fellowship pre-Easter program—Free Will Baptist Fellowship members at Mount Olive College look over souvenirs from the Holy Land shared by Jean F. Ackiss, MOC director of Church Support. Mrs. Ackiss gave a slide presentation during a meeting of the Fellowship in Rodgers Chapel. Pictured, from left, are Dirk van der Plas, Arapahoe Church; Jennifer Barefoot, Robert's Grove Church; Tracy McCoy, Core Creek Church; Len Smith, Saint Mary's Church in New Bern; Mrs. Ackiss, Spring Hill Church; Dan Hemphill of Raleigh; Michelle Taylor, White Oak Grove Church; and Jeannie Pittman, Harmony Church (photo by Dianne B. Riley).

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## SHERRIE MARTIN: HEADED FOR SUCCESS

by Pattie O'Donoghue  
MOC Director of Public Information

"Of all the young people I've worked with, I've not had one to be as outstanding as Sherrie," says Thomas M. "Tommy" Turner, president and owner of Buddy's Jewelry Store in Mount Olive. "She is the type of employee that every employer wants to have. She is a good Christian person, is ambitious, loves challenge, and is a good team worker," he emphasizes. "I believe in all phases of her life, she is going to be successful."

This outstanding young woman is graduating senior Sherrie Martin of Spivey's Corner, a member of Shady Grove Church. She is the daughter of Edna and W. C. Martin Jr., who serves on the Mount Olive College Board of Trustees.

Miss Martin works for Turner as part of Mount Olive College's Cooperative Education. This program integrates classroom study with work experience in business, industry, education, government, or other organizations.

A business major, she receives college credit while serving as a bookkeeper. Miss Martin takes care of accounts receivable, accounts payable, and payroll for the business. She also does administrative work for Turner.

"Ever since I've been at Mount Olive College, I knew I wanted to be in business," says Miss Martin, who is majoring in business management.

"I found out about the job at Buddy's while I was tutoring the Turner's daughter. Mr. Turner mentioned that his bookkeeper had resigned and he asked if I was interested in summer employment," says Miss Martin. "I ended up working all summer, full time."

At the beginning of the academic year, Miss Martin talked with Dr. James A Coats, chairman of MOC's Business Department, about the possibility

of her job tying-in with co-op. Dr. Coats approved her request, and she began working at the jewelry store about 20 hours a week.

The 1987 Midway High School graduate became aware of the educational opportunities at Mount Olive College through her church and by attending the annual Free Will Baptist gift support dinners for the College. In many ways, Miss Martin knew what she wanted in a college.

"I am an only child, and I didn't want to be too far from home," she explains. "I also didn't want to go to a big school. I felt that at a smaller college I could become more involved. And I did become involved!"

Miss Martin has represented the College student body at the church dinners, was a member of the Mount Olive College Concert Choir, and first runner-up in the Miss Mount Olive College Pageant. She was a member of the Homecoming Court for three years. Active in Student Government Association, Miss Martin served as president of the Sophomore Class and vice president of SGA, and "literally helped construct SGA floats" for Christmas parades in the town of Mount Olive. She also helped coordinate the 1990 Miss Mount Olive College Pageant.

She is currently vice president of Phi Beta Lambda, a national business organization. She has been named to the President's List (for students with a perfect 4.0 grade point average) and the Dean's List. She was nominated to the National Dean's List and to WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.

Her business skills began developing during the summers she spent working in her father's business, Martin's Abattoir and Wholesale Meats, Inc., near Godwin. "I did office work and filled in when people went on vacation. In fact, I did some of what I do at the jewelry store," she says.

Following graduation, Miss Martin is planning a summer wedding to 1990 MOC graduate, Doug Baxley. The young couple will be working with her father in the family business.

"We hate to lose her here," says Turner. "She has done an outstanding job. She is interested in the entire business, not just her own job. I can give her something to do and say, 'Sherrie, do this' and I can forget about it, because I know she'll take care of it. She is going to have a good future in whatever she pursues."



Sherrie Martin answers the telephone during a busy day at her Cooperative Education position at Buddy's Jewelry in Mount Olive. The graduating senior enjoys the challenge of the business world (photo by Patti O'Donoghue).



## FIELDS WHITE UNTO HARVEST



by Fred Baker

Linda and I had the opportunity to visit in the services of all twenty-six churches in the Philippines between December 2, 1990, and March 3, 1991. With only fourteen Sundays during that span of time, we often visited two churches on a single Sunday; and on one occasion, we met with three churches in a single Sunday. The journey took us from Puerto Princesa City, Palawan, to southern Palawan, northern Palawan, Cebu City, on the island of Cebu, and the Bicol region of southern Luzon. Free Will Baptists now have churches on three islands in the Philippines: Palawan, Luzon and Cebu.

It was exciting to visit the four new churches for the first time since they began. In July 1990, Pastor and Mrs. Antonio Sandrino opened a new work in Santiago Bato, Camarines, Sur, in the Bicol region of Luzon and Pastor Edito Madduma opened the Nara FWB

Church in Nara, Palawan. In October 1990, Pastor Raul Galfo began Victory FWB Church in Inilawan, Palawan; and Bible-woman Helen Galfo opened a church in Nacawat, Palawan. It was exciting to see the gospel being preached in new locations and people accepting Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord.

In all of the churches we found the services well attended. The gospel is being preached in the dialect of the people. People are being saved and brought into the Kingdom of God. Most of our churches need larger buildings for their growing congregations. Some are already starting building programs to enlarge their buildings. We rejoiced and praised God for the growth we saw.

In all the communities where Free Will Baptist churches are located, there are large numbers of people unchurched and lost

without Christ. Many neighboring communities surrounding our churches are without a church and witness for Christ. We were challenged by the opportunity for potential growth and outreach of all our churches. I believe God has raised up these twenty-six churches for this hour of His harvest.

In all the communities and churches we saw evidence of the presence and work of Satan. The harvest is greater than it has ever been and Satan is working harder than he ever has to destroy the harvest before it can be reaped.

We came to two conclusions. One, we must spend more time in prayer to the Lord of the harvest and be instructed and empowered by Him. Two, we must put on the whole armor of God and take an active part in the spiritual warfare for this world. Someone has said that "all it takes for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing." These words are really true.

We have walked through part of the fields that are white unto harvest and have seen twenty-six churches at work. But, what are twenty-six churches among seven thousand islands? God can use small things and small churches. Brethren, pray for the Free Will Baptist Churches of the Philippines as they take their place in the mighty army of God's soldiers, reaping the harvest of this earth.

### BETHEL FWB CHURCH HOLDS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

by Pastor Fidel Presto

The Bethel Free Will Baptist Church members held their Christmas celebration at their church in Calaway, Taytay, Palawan, for three days. The theme was "Rely on God's Resources."

On the first day, December 19, 1990, we had different activities including a baptismal service, Bible games, sports games and others. We had special candidates

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for baptism. The officiating minister was the Rev. Diosdado Guian, director of the FWB Missions Department. The following seven people were baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost: Merilou Fuentes, Facibert Arzaga, Edjie Arzaga, Jocelyn LahaoLahao, Gadfrey Bargamento, Hilda Ganancial and Gewy Garganza. We give thanks and praise to God for these new believers, His blessings and His wonderful power which He has given to us.

On the second day, December 20, we began with a devotional service, thanking God for the success of our activities. Our invited speaker for the day was Sister Amelita Padilla, a third year student at Palawan Bible College. After devotion time, we continued our games until 4:45 p.m. We praise and thank God for what He has done.

On the third day, we had a dedication service for children from 8 to 10 a.m. The officiating minister was the Rev. Fidel Presto, pastor of the church. Seven children were dedicated to the Lord that day. From 2 to 10 p.m., we had a special Christmas worship service. Our invited speaker was Pastor Elenel Sebor. Following the worship

service, we proceeded to our Christmas program. The members enjoyed solos, acrostics, dramas, duets, poems, choruses and exchanging gifts. Prizes were awarded to the winning teams in the adult, young people and children divisions.

Our Christmas celebration was successful because of the guidance and presence of the Holy Spirit. We enjoyed fellowship with one another. Many people attended our Christmas celebration for these three days. God blessed us with peace, unity and cooperation in our Christmas celebration to Him at Bethel Free Will Baptist Church.

### **LUCBUAN AND BABUYAN EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE**

*by Elmer Garcellano*

A two-night evangelistic crusade was conducted at Barangay Lucbuan, citio Catumbal and in Barangay Babuyan, Puerto Princesa City. These evangelistic meetings followed a training seminar for church members in the said locations.

The crusades included film showings and papuri (praise or gospel) songs. The most important parts of the crusades were the messages of God delivered by



the Rev. Jaapal Ontong and the Pastor, Armando Manzano.

The film was entitled "Paglingon sa Kinabukasan." It is an interesting story adopted from the story of the prodigal son in the Bible. Many people were blessed by the story. Some of them did not control the tears flowing from their eyes because the story from the film touched their lives. Some of them accepted Christ as their personal Saviour and Lord of their lives. The souls who accepted Christ on that night were about twenty-five. Attendance was estimated to be about 300 people.

Praise the Lord because He gave them a chance to repent and accept Him. He did not forsake them. We need to be much in prayer for these new souls in Christ, that they will grow in faith and become steadfast Christians. Brethren, please pray for them.

Please pray also for the Evangelism Department personnel. Let us trust in God with His immense power and our prayers will bring more souls to Christ. Pray that the Evangelism Department will demonstrate the lifestyle of Jesus Christ in evangelism and compassion for the lost. God bless you all.



## PRAYING FOR NEW SHEPHERDS



by Antonio Escobar

"Therefore said he unto them, the harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; pray ye, therefore the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into his harvest" (Luke 10:2).

We are praying for new shepherds, but we also desire that these new shepherds prepare themselves to redeem and pledge themselves to a better ministry.

The young man shown in this picture is named Jorge Gallegos. He is a faithful and responsible member in the church where Rev. Armando Duenes is pastor. For some time now this young man has felt the call into the gospel ministry. Having come to know that there now is an opportunity to prepare himself, he is attending a Bible Institute. He understands that his ministry can be much better than his being only a lay preacher. This young man will be the first to be sent to study in a Bible Institute.

Brethren, pray much for this young man and for others who aspire to the gospel ministry.

## SPECIAL NOTICE

### WELCOME THE BAKERS HOME RALEIGH DURHAM AIRPORT JUNE 6

Fred, Linda and Stevie Baker will arrive in North Carolina on June 6 at 6:41 p.m. via American Airlines Flight 186. Fred and Linda have decided after much prayer to leave the mission program and enter the pastorate after arriving in North Carolina.

Since this will be their final homecoming from the Philippines, let's make this the warmest they have ever received. They have spent years on the front lines of ministry for Free Will Baptists. We look forward to seeing you at the Raleigh/Durham Airport on June 6.

**NOTE: Do not send any more mail to the Bakers in the Philippines. Their address in North Carolina will be Box 1025, Clayton, NC 27520.**

## STATE YOUTH CONVENTION

May 17, 18, 19, 1991

Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, NC

Anita and David will be performing all weekend. Contact Joan Little, state youth chairman, at 919/753-3217, or your local District Chairman for information concerning Registration, Competitions, State Youth Band or Bible Bowl.

## A Sermon About NOTHING

The space above contains:

1. All you have to do to be lost.
2. All you gain by serving Satan.
3. All you miss by serving Christ.
4. All some people think they have to do to please God.
5. All you have to do to be useless to the cause of Christ.
6. All the joys of Hell you will miss by going to Heaven.
7. All the eternal good you can do man without being a Christian.



# SPECIAL INVITATION TO ALL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

From the  
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JOIN US ON THREE SPECIAL DAYS IN JUNE



## JUNE 6

**Fred, Linda and Stevie Baker** will arrive in North Carolina at the Raleigh-Durham Airport at 6:41 p.m., American Airlines Flight #186.

**Come and welcome the Bakers home.** Since they have decided not to return to the Philippines, this will be their final homecoming. Let's show them how much we appreciate them and their years of ministry in the Philippines.

**A Commissioning Service** will be held at **Stoney Creek Church** at 7:30 p.m. for the **Grubbs and van der Plas families**. We want this to be a beautiful and blessed occasion, when people from all over our denomination come together to express support for our missionaries and the new field. **Please come! Your presence will make this service complete.**



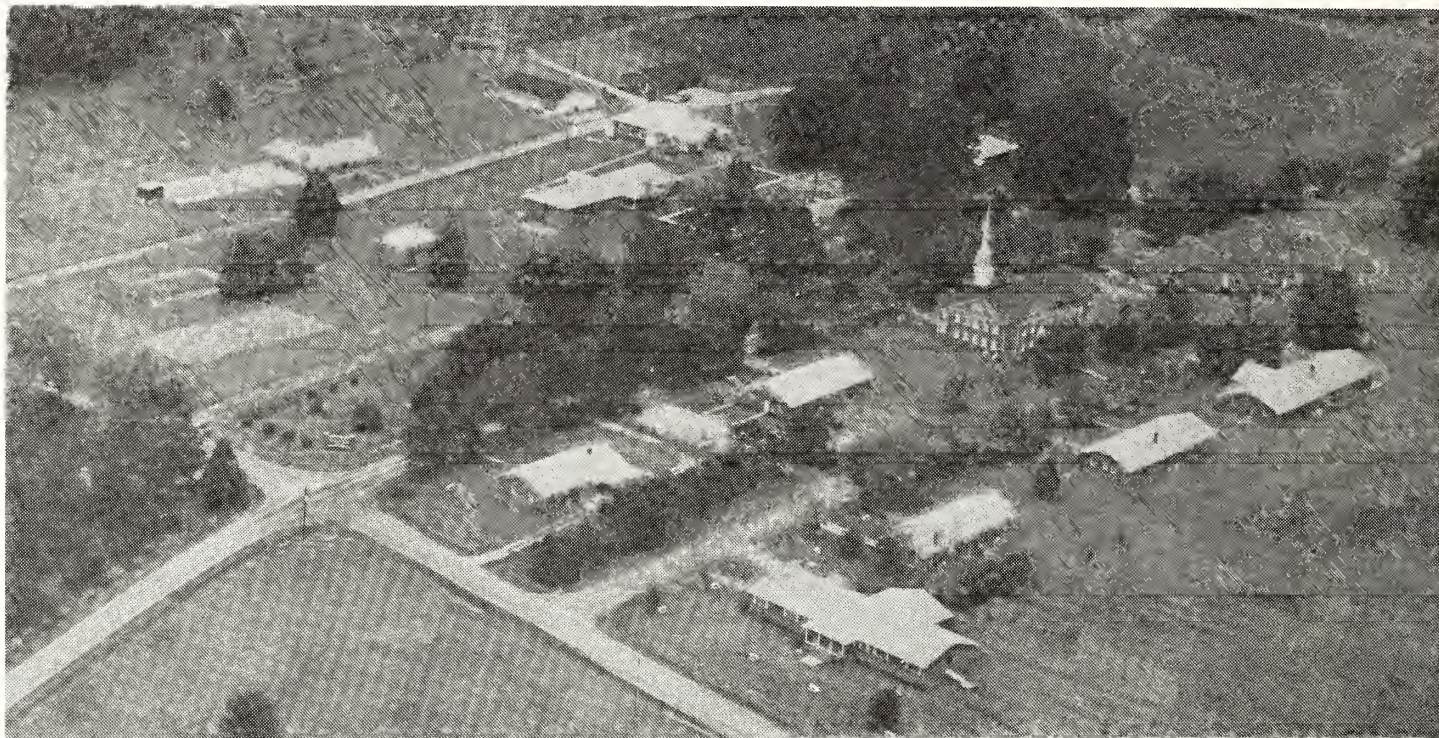
## JUNE 28

**Willem and Lydia van der Plas** will depart for **Eastern Europe** via American Airlines Flight #608 at 2:06 p.m. I am sure you will want to see them off. This will surely be a special day for Free Will Baptists as these missionaries enter this new field of labor. Plan to be at the airport at least one hour ahead of departure so you will have time to greet them.



PLEASE MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR AND  
ATTEND THESE SPECIAL EVENTS.





## **AVENUES OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE: CHILD CARE— THE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME, INC.**

War, disease in epidemic proportions and tragedies of all kinds left hundreds of children homeless during the early days of our country. Compassionate Christians throughout the nation responded to God's command to care for orphaned children and the orphanage became a prominent ministry for many churches. Free Will Baptists of North Carolina founded the Free Will Baptist Orphanage (known today as the Free Will Baptist Children's Home) in 1920. The first children were admitted in May 1920. Since locating in Nash County, the Home has served more than 700 orphaned, dependent, and neglected children.

### **NEW MINISTRIES EMERGE**

As war ceased and diseases were conquered, a new menace seemed to dominate the child-care scene. The breakup of families due to divorce, abuse and neglect became the plight forcing children to be placed in child-caring institutions. Most of these usually have both parents living. The primary reason for placement is most likely to be the parents' inability to use parenting skills. Parents' desertion, parents' inability to provide care due to emotional difficulties, breakdown of parent-child relationship, and parents' inability to provide care due to financial problems are problems which

necessitate placement. Trailing the list of needs are those that seem more directly related to the child. Many children are being placed today because of school-related problems. Their behavior at school and in the community often results in legal action making placement necessary. Quite often their behavioral problems are directly related to lack of parental supervision. Mentally and physically handicapped children make up less than 3 percent of the children in care. More than 75 percent of the children in care are there because of problems more related to their parents' problems than their own.

### **THE NEED FOR GROUP CARE**

Group care, as offered by the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, provides many of the things the child and his or her parents need. Since most of the reasons for placement have resulted from parental problems, the Children's Home offers an atmosphere in which the children can stay together, get the structure and limit setting their parents have failed to provide and the continuity the child needs for emotional growth and stability.

The Children's Home offers a neutral setting for both the parent and the children to work on their problems. The parent does not have to worry about foster



parents taking the love of the child away and the child does not have to form the intense relationships that foster care often requires. The staff offers multiple adult models. The group offers a peer relationship. Here the child can see that others have problems like his or her own and can find empathetic support from the group.

The Children's Home can also provide educational and psychological services that may not be available, with the intensity needed, within the community. All in all, the particular services offered by the Children's Home cannot be found elsewhere. The Children's Home has its own very special place in the care of today's child. Its major role can be summed up in three services. First, it provides short-term care giving the child and welfare community the time to determine what the child and family need. Second, the Children's Home can offer behavior modification programs necessary in order for the child to reenter society. Finally, for the child that cannot return home or is not a candidate for foster care, the Children's Home can provide the supplemental care needed until adulthood.

The child in care today is a part of a family; therefore he/she must be cared for in the context of that family. The Children's Home is no longer a substitute parent, but rather a supplemental parent. The entire family must be ministered to along with the child. All child care today is family oriented child care.

### **"BEHOLD, I HAVE SET BEFORE THEE AN OPEN DOOR . . ."**

Free Will Baptists have the opportunity to minister to more than 200 individuals annually through the ministry of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home. The children in care, their biological parents, grandparents, siblings

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and relatives make up a vast community of largely unsaved individuals that can be and are exposed to the Lord Jesus Christ through the ministry of the Children's Home.

Each local church member is a very important part of this vital ministry. Without the faithful prayers of our people lifting up the staff, the job would be too great.

## **THE CHILDREN'S HOME**

Somewhere around 1910, interest concerning an orphanage for North Carolina Free Will Baptists manifested itself; however, nothing definite was done until after the formation of the State Convention in 1913. At the second session of the Convention held in St. Mary's Church, New Bern, in 1914, a formal resolution was passed pledging the State Convention to build an orphanage.

The next year (1915), when the State Convention met at Shady Grove Church, Sampson County, the following resolutions were passed:

1. That this convention appoint an Orphanage committee of five, whose duty it shall be to handle all money raised for said work, locate a site for same. Also, to report what is being done through the paper.
2. That we appoint a man in each conference to visit the churches and canvass among our members for the purpose of raising funds for the building of said orphanage.
3. That said men be paid for the time that they are actively engaged in the work.

The following Orphanage Committee was then appointed: J. F. Casey, chairman; J. E. Davis, W. R. Coats, W. J. Braxton, and M. C. Prescott. The following were then appointed to raise funds for the project: W. R. Coats, Cape Fear Conference; J. E. Davis, Western Conference; D. W. Alexander, Central Conference; and Luke Wetherington, Eastern Conference. A motion was passed to allow these workers 10% of what they actually collected "to defray expenses while in their various fields collecting."

Immediately after the Convention closed, this committee began its work. The first job was to find

a site for the home. Several sites throughout the state were offered and recommended. The present site in southern Nash County was finally selected when the Rev. B. B. Deans offered the committee a gift of 50 acres of land about two miles north of the town of Middlesex. This gift was accepted by the Orphanage Committee on January 1, 1916.

Since there was only one frame dwelling and several small farm buildings on the property, the next task of the committee was the erection of suitable buildings for an orphanage. By 1917 enough money had been raised to begin building, and a large three-story structure with a full basement and containing 31 rooms was begun. Also, a nearby utility was started. These buildings with those already on the property were to house the home.

The building program moved slowly, and it was not until 1920 that the home was ready to admit children. The first applications for children were approved on February 11, 1920; and on May 23, 1920, the following children were admitted to the home: Nellie, Helen, Dorothy, and Carl Whitley.

Through the years, the Home has experienced steady growth. Of course, the depression years of the 1930s slowed the growth; but since then it has been constant. Following is a list of the buildings located at the Home and the dates that they were constructed:

1925—Two-story boy's building constructed, and an additional 111 acres of land purchased.

1940—Central dining hall and administrative office constructed.

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1944—The adjoining Massey farm composed of 200 acres was purchased.

1951—The old boy's dorm replaced by the Albemarle Building.

1952—The Memorial Chapel was constructed.

1953—The Smith and Deans Cottages for girls were constructed.

1956—A new laundry building was constructed.

1957—New Superintendent's home constructed.

1958—The French Broad Administration Building was constructed.

1959—Large water tank erected.

1962—Swimming pool constructed.

1966—Boy's cottage and a staff residence constructed.

1968—The Central Building for teenage girls was constructed.

1971—Home for the Director of Campus was constructed.

1973—Storage house and maintenance shop constructed.

1975—The Albemarle Cottage was renovated.

1975—The State Cottage was built.

1975—Automatic fire alarm systems were installed in the cottages.

1976—The Family Services Department was expanded.

1976—A 5½-acre tract of land adjoining the property was purchased.

1976—Smith and Deans cottages were remodeled; new furniture added.

1977—New steeple was installed on chapel.

1977—Conference room was added to the office.

1977—New intercom and telephone system was installed.

1982—The Albemarle Building was renovated to be used as the Education Center.

1982—Fund Development Program was initiated and a director hired.

1984—Rodgers Cottage was re-opened.

1984—Re-opened Deans Cottage.

1985—Updated the Recreation Facilities.

1988—Sidewalks and foundation for picnic tables were poured.

1988—Renovated Heritage Hall (formerly the Dining Hall).

1988—Whitley Center was built.

Due to the fact that many of the children had one or both parents living, and the Duke Foundation that makes an annual contribution to the home insisted that it ought to be a home for homeless children, a motion was passed at the 1955 session of the State Con-

vention that the name of the institution be changed from the Free Will Baptist Orphanage to the Free Will Baptist Children's Home. The charter of the Home was changed to comply with this motion sometime between the 1955 and 1956 sessions of the Convention.

During the more than 70 years that the Free Will Baptist Children's Home has existed, many children have found a home under the sponsorship of North Carolina Free Will Baptists. Many of these have grown up to take a place of leadership in the church and denominational life of our state.



#### FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME LISTING OF SUPERINTENDENTS

Brother L. B. Dunn	1919-1920
Elder L. H. Wetherington	1920-1921
Brother C. G. Pope	1921-1929
Elder J. R. Bennett	1929-1934
Elder J. W. Alford (Acting)	1934-1935
The Rev. M. E. Tyson	1935-1941
The Rev. James A. Evans	1941-1949
Brother Walter M. Croom	1949-1951
The Rev. S. A. Smith	1951-1955
The Rev. R. H. Jackson	1955-1956
The Rev. S. A. Smith	1956-1958
The Rev. Wilbur Everton	1958-1962
The Rev. M. L. Johnson	1962-1969
Mrs. M. L. Johnson	1969-1969
The Rev. Edward W. Miles	1969-1971
The Rev. Cedric D. Pierce Jr.	1971-1972
The Rev. A. Graham Lane (Acting)	1972-1972
Mr. Sam N. Weeks	1973-1977
The Rev. Stewart Humphrey	1977-1981
Mr. E. Howard Cayton	1981-1983
The Rev. Bobby Taylor	1983-

## REACHING OUT TO TODAY'S CHILDREN FOR TOMORROW'S WORLD



### PURPOSE

The Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Inc. is a community centered, non-profit agency which provides a caring residential program for abused, neglected, and abandoned children, 5-21 years old, accepting them into the Children's Home community, and striving to provide the best professional assistance available.

### HISTORICAL

The Home has cared for over 1,000 children since its opening almost three quarters of a century ago. The Home is licensed by the Department of Human Resources of North Carolina and is a member of North Carolina Child Care Association and Southeastern Child Care Association.

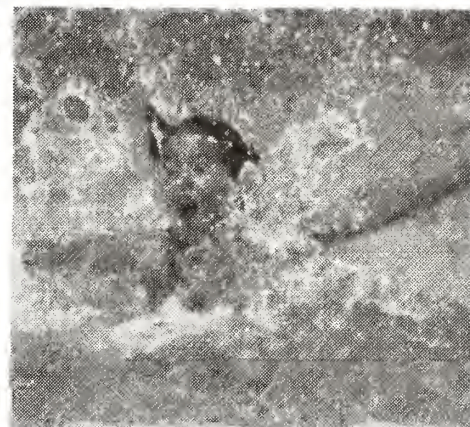
THE FREE WILL BAPTIST





## RECREATIONAL RESOURCES

Gymnasium  
Ballfield  
Tennis Court  
Park  
Swings, Slides  
Recreation Center  
Swimming Pool  
Computer Games  
Camp Site  
Fishing Ponds



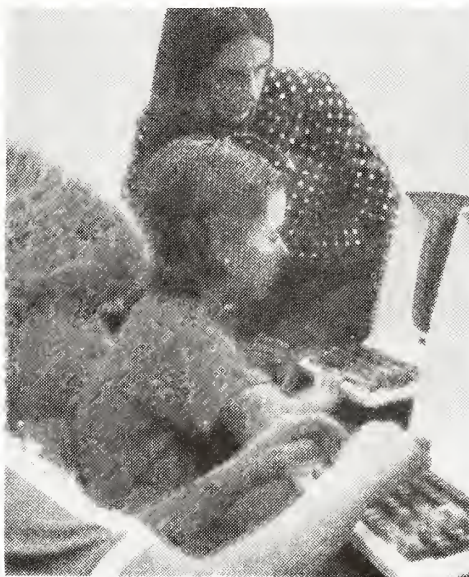
## PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Preparation for Independent Living

Adolescent Development  
Supplemental Parenting  
Family Clarification  
Permanency Planning  
Tutorial Services  
Psychiatric Services

All cottages are operated on a family-style basis and are staffed by a team of child-care workers, social workers, and a coordinator.

Residents attend Nash County Public Schools.



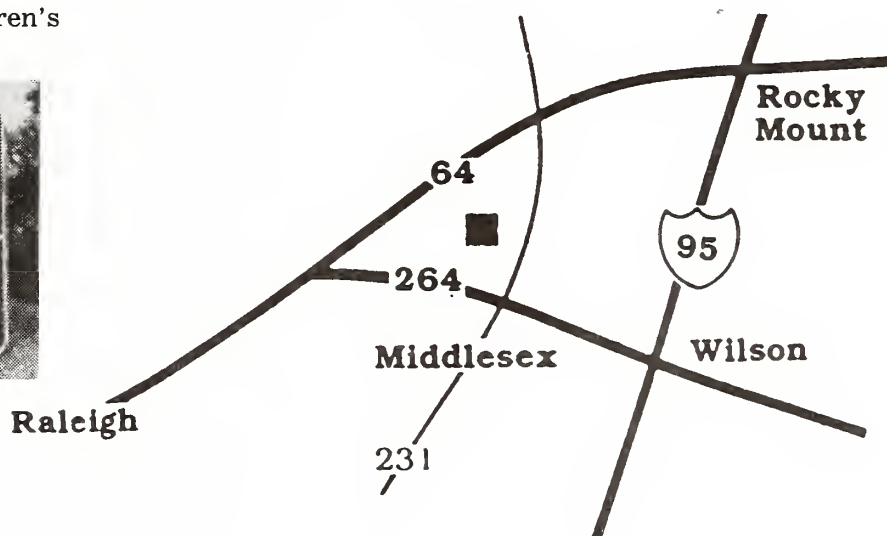
## COMMUNITY SERVICES

Scouting Programs  
Senior Citizens' Use of Gymnasium  
Family Enrichment Seminars  
Family Counseling  
Audio/visual Tape Library

"Our greatest obligation to our children is to prepare them to understand and deal effectively with the world in which they live—not the world we have known—or the world we would prefer to have."

—Grayson Kirk

Exit US 264 at Route 231-N and follow the signs to the Children's Home.



The Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Inc.  
Post Office Box 249  
Middlesex, North Carolina 27557  
(919) 236-2161



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## THE MAN BEHIND THE PROGRAM

# THE REV. BOBBY RAY TAYLOR

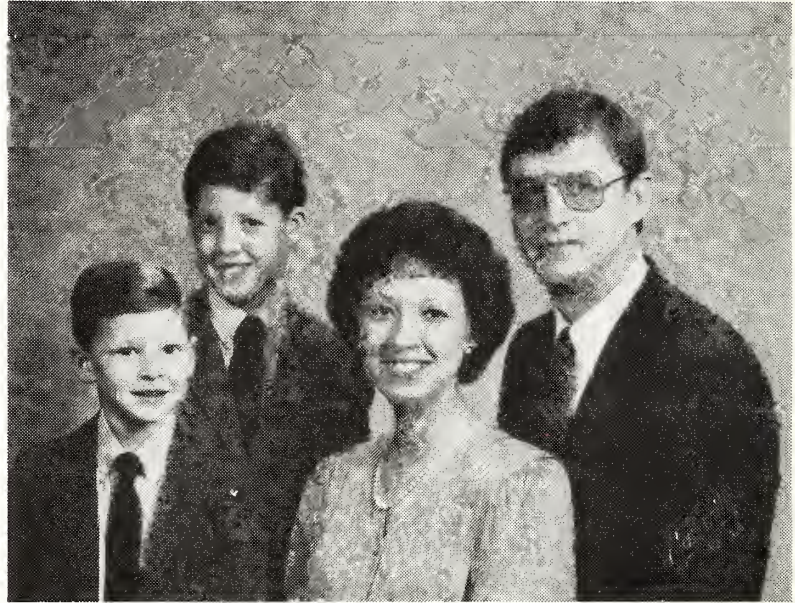
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The term *care* can be defined as "to have interest or concern, to give care, to have a liking, to be concerned about." When combined with the word child, one readily understands that an individual who is involved in a child care profession needs compassion and understanding. Wisdom is needed, as are patience, kindness, and a willingness to listen. These qualities are personified in the Rev. Bobby Ray Taylor, executive director of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, NC.

Bobby was born on August 9, 1947, in Columbia, NC. He received an Associate in Science degree at Mount Olive College, a Bachelor of Arts in psychology at Barton College (formerly called Atlantic Christian College), a Master of Science in Child Care Administration from Nova University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida; and is a candidate in the Doctorate of Ministry program at Bethany Theological Seminary, Dothan, Alabama, this June.

An examination of the internships and workshops in which he has participated speaks of his abilities. Following is a partial list of such credits:

- Residential Child Care in England and the Carolinas: Challenges and Opportunities
- "AIDS: The Hospital Impact"
- "Management Is the Key"
- "The Disciplining of Children"
- "Listening to Children"
- Computer Technology
- "Helping Parents Help to Solve Problems of Childhood"
- "Depression and Suicide Among the Young"
- "Problems of Young Adults in Today's Society"



Bobby became executive director at the Home in 1983. Prior to that time, he served as director of Child Care at the Home. Before that, he pastored Snow Hill Church, 1973-1975; Bethany Church, 1975-1978; Gum Swamp Church, 1978-1980; and Pleasant Grove Church, 1980-1982. He also worked as an administrative supervisor for the shipping department of Georgia Pacific Corporation, Dudley, NC, from 1972-1983.

Many have been Bobby's roles within the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. He has directed youth encampments at Cragmont and served as an advisor to the State Youth Convention. He has served as president of the State League Convention and worked as co-chairman and treasurer of the Pitt and Greene Counties Free Will Baptist Churches Against Liquor-by-the-Drink. Bobby has served on the Board of Advisors on Church

Ministries, Mount Olive College; the Advisory Committee on Church Relations, Mount Olive College; and the Cragmont Board of Directors. Presently, he is president of the North Carolina Child Care Association.

Audrey, Bobby's wife, graduated from Mount Olive College and Barton College and teaches fourth grade at Garner's Elementary School, Wilson, NC. She is preparing to enter East Carolina University this fall in the area of clinical psychology.

Bobby and Audrey have two sons: Stephen R., 12, and James Wesley, 9. The Taylors live in Wilson.

Wisdom and experience contribute greatly to one's leadership ability. Compassion enriches the individual. Sensitivity adds to his humanity. All of these are found in Bobby Taylor. These qualities make him a child care professional.



## COMMEMORATIVE GIFTS ARE LIVING TRIBUTES

Friends and supporters of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home have made contributions as Memorial and Honorary Gifts for many years. Memorials are used to express love and respect for relatives and others who have died, as well as to extend sympathy and care to bereaved families and friends. Honor Gifts show appreciation and respect for special people whose lives have touched and enriched others. Birthdays, anniversaries, and graduations are opportune occasions to honor and give thanks to a person one admires and appreciates.

There are other special times to remember loved ones in meaningful ways, such as Mother's Day, Father's Day, Children's Day, and Memorial Day. The Commemorative Gifts Program is designed so that supporters may commemorate the lives of others on special days by giving a gift that lasts and works now in the lives of abused and neglected children. Commemorative gifts make possible the professional care these children need to grow with love and hope.

When a commemorative gift is made to the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, the families and loved ones of those being memorialized receive notice of the gift and the special occasion that prompted it. Those being honored also receive similar notification.

Consider remembering someone on these upcoming special days—a nice way to say, "Thanks!"

## MEMORIAL AND HONORARY GIFTS

An outstanding way to remember someone special and to help your Child Care Ministry is to make a memorial or honorary gift to the Children's Home. Mail the form below along with your gift to:

**Free Will Baptist Children's Home**  
Post Office Box 249  
Middlesex, North Carolina 27557

Gift in ☐ Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

My Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Church \_\_\_\_\_

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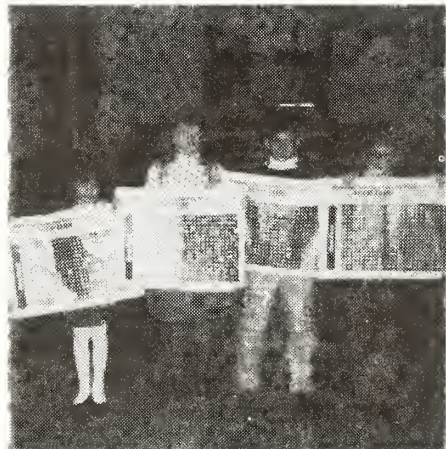
## May is Children's Home Month

## May 19, 1991, is Children's Home Sunday

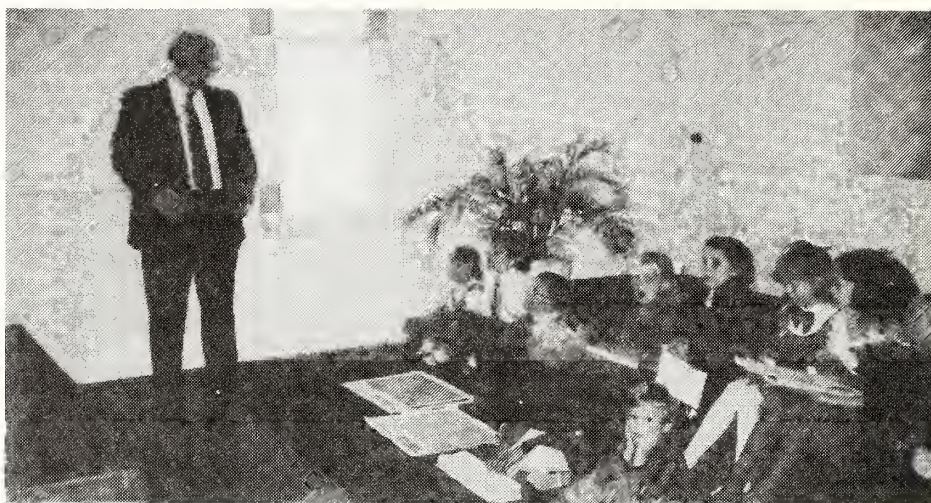


### SEED CLUB PARTICIPANTS

Children throughout North Carolina are raising money for Home Missions by means of the Seed Club. Shown here are youth from Grimsley, Core Creek and Owens Chapel Churches. Those desiring more information about this program should contact the Rev. David C. Hansley, executive director of the Board of Home Missions and Evangelism, Box 39, Ayden, NC 28513; phone (919) 746-4963.



Grimsley



Core Creek



Owens Chapel

### TARBORO CHURCH TO HAVE LAYMAN'S DAY

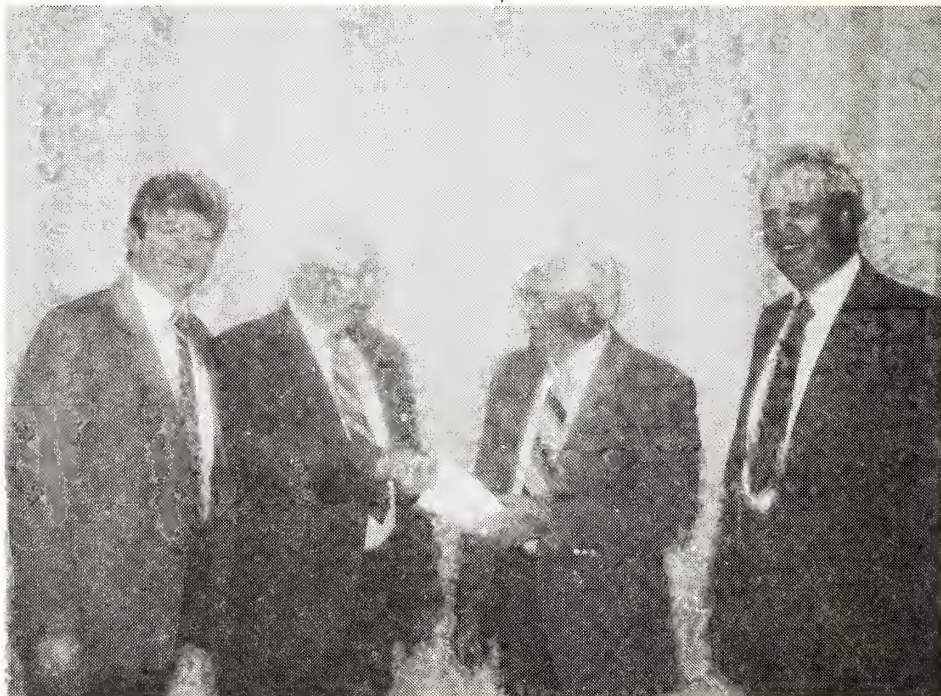
The Layman's League of First Church, Tarboro, will be responsible for the Sunday morning service on June 2. The devotion, singing, announcements, and so forth will be handled by the laymen of the church.

Billy Trevathan is serving as president of the Layman's League.

### NOTICE

The following names are hereby deleted from the list of licensed ministers of the Western Conference: Jesse Bradbury, Carlton Bradshaw, Gerald Byrd, and Dean Upton. The reasons for their deletion are: 1) Failure to attend two consecutive sessions of the annual conference, and 2) Failure to notify the Western Conference Board of Ordination of renewal of license to preach by the local church.

De W. Eakes, *Clerk*  
Western Conference Board of Ordination



The Eastern Conference Missions Board recently assisted Hillsberry Mission with needed repairs. The Board contributed \$1,500, one-half of the amount needed. The congregation raised the balance. Shown here are members of the Board presenting mission pastor Dan Jordan with the check: (left to right) Kenneth Littleton, Dan Jordan, Harry Jones, and Raymond Hardison.



**T**he eyes of  
children  
growing up  
in poverty  
have an  
unmistakably  
adult gaze.  
They carry  
the weight of  
adulthood.  
Between rare  
moments of

play and laughter, this weight numbs their expressions.

More and more poor children are fighting and dying as soldiers, dying from easily preventable diseases, and growing up without parents on city streets.

Last September, heads of state from around the world met at the United Nations World Summit for Children to discuss the problems facing children today. They identified six areas in which children worldwide are victimized: armed

conflict, substance abuse, child labor, and lack of family, health, and education. For decades, organizations like World Vision and UNICEF have addressed those areas. But the summit marked the first time that the world leaders recognized these problems and the urgency of resolving them.

- Children have always been victims of war, but in the past decade an increasing number of children, some as young as 8, have been used to fight as soldiers in many conflicts.

- Drugs and alcohol are affecting children in rural and suburban areas, as well as the world's cities. Crack is the leading cause of illness among infants, children, and adolescents living in U.S. cities, according to New York City Health Commissioner Steve Joseph.

- Millions of children are deprived of an education because they must work to help support their families. They are often exploited and forced to work in hazardous conditions for low wages. In some countries, children are preferred as workers over unskilled adults because adults are harder to intimidate and might demand better conditions.

- As many as 100 million children may be living on urban streets around the world. Most of these children have no family. Some have been abandoned, others run away from home because they are mistreated or ignored.



- Six preventable diseases, including measles, whooping cough, diphtheria, tuberculosis, polio, and tetanus, are responsible for the deaths of millions of children every year. Many more die from dehydration (easily prevented with sugar and water).

- In some countries, only a fraction of the children receive even a few years of education. Girls and disabled children are even less likely to receive an education, crippling their chances to grow into self-sufficient adults.

"Suffer the little children," Jesus said to His disciples. Yet for almost 2,000 years, "let the children suffer" more accurately describes the plight of the world's children. In September, however, 23 leaders at the World Summit for Children ratified a set of worldwide standards for child care that will break new ground in the struggle to protect and defend the rights of children.

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**Suffer the Children or  
Let the Children  
Suffer?**

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## *Kids Without Parents*

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Child psychologist Robert Coles once warned that "children who go unheeded are going to turn on the world that neglected them." It's a frightening warning. Some experts say that as many 100 million children throughout the world are living without their families.

Some children have been left to survive as best they can after their parents are killed or die of disease. Others run away from sexual and physical abuse, living their lives on the mean streets of the world's cities. In Mexico City alone, 12 million children are living or working on the streets. But no less tragic are the 40,000 Romanian "orphans," abandoned by their parents because of disease or because there were too many other mouths to feed.

Whatever the reason, one thing is certain. They are children who can't go home again.





## WHO'S TEACHING YOUR CHILD?

by Dan Adams

Chapter 2 from *The Child Influencers*  
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Particularly since World War II, many changes have occurred in patterns of child rearing in the United States, but their essence may be conveyed in a single sentence: **Children used to be brought up by their parents.**

It may seem presumptuous to put that statement in the past tense. Yet it does belong to the past. Over the years, *de facto* responsibility for upbringing has shifted away from the family to other settings in the society, some of which do not recognize or accept the task. While the family still has the primary moral and legal responsibility for the character development of children, it often lacks the power or opportunity to do the job, primarily because parents and children no longer spend enough time together in those situations in which such training is possible. This is not because parents do not want to spend time with their children. It is simply that conditions have changed.<sup>1</sup>

These words, written by the respected professor at Cornell University, Dr. Urie Bronfenbrenner, raise some important questions: What conditions have changed? Why does the family lack the power or opportunity to do the job? If parents are not bringing up their children, then who is? Or what is?

To understand the matter, we need to examine **the child influencers**. Imagine you are a child. With whom and what are you spending your time? Because you are young and impressionable, your thoughts, your actions, your view of the world, your very **self** will be affected by these influencers.

There are six major child influencers—television, peers, school, reading, parents, and family-based learning. There are others, but I believe these have been the most significant over the years. The first three of the influencers are in the **low parental control area**, while the latter three are in the **high parental control area**. If, for instance, your child is watching TV, you don't know what the next scene or commercial will show him, and you therefore have little or no parental control. Likewise, your control is limited if he is in the park with his friends or listening to a lecture in health class at school.

If, however, your child is reading a book at home, you probably have read the book yourself or have a general idea of the contents. And if you are playing with your child or teaching him to tie his shoes, you certainly have a high level of parental control. I'm not suggesting that the level of parental control should completely determine how your child spends his time. (You wouldn't want to totally



eliminate the time your child spends with his friends.) But, in general, the less control you have as a parent, the less **you** will be rearing your child.

Now, let's look at the child influencers in terms of hours per week. During most of his waking hours, a child will be influenced by one of them. He will be watching TV, or talking with friends, or listening to his teacher, or reading a book . . . In some cases, he might be exposed to more than one influence at the same time—perhaps watching TV with his family. In such a case, we will ask what the major influencer is; that is, what has occupied most of his attention? With these ground rules, we are now ready to plot the number of hours per week—from one to 40—that the average child is exposed to each of the child influencers.

The farther back in time we go, the fewer statistics, studies, and government reports we find. Therefore some estimation comes into play. I am, however, quite certain of one data point on Figure 1—no television was watched in the 17th century. Also, because we were primarily a rural society with primitive means of transportation, children spent a small portion of their time with children outside their homes. Professor Herbert Wright (University of Kansas) said:

Unlike their urban and suburban age-mates, children in a small town become well acquainted with a substantially greater number of adults in different walks of life, and are more likely to be active participants in the adult settings which they enter.<sup>2</sup>

And 17th century education bore little semblance to the form it has taken today. Historian Arthur Calhoun said:

The colonial home was a little world . . . under whose roof the children could, if need were, learn all that was necessary for their future careers. The Puritans, as it has been seen, were strong for their training of children for their duties here and beyond.<sup>3</sup>

Even as late as 1870, the average number of school days attended per year was less than a third

of what it is today? Although these figures are not available for the 1600's and 1700's, you can imagine that the number of hours of influence per week from school was quite small.

What about the child influencers in the areas of high parental control? The early-1700's diary of Cotton Mather included this:

I begin betimes to entertain them with delightful stories, especially Scriptural ones . . . And thus, every day at the table, I have used myself to tell a story before I rise; and made the story useful to the olive plants around the table.

When the children at any time accidentally come in my way, it is my custom to let fall some sentence or other, that may be monitory and profitable to them . . .

I put them upon doing of services and kindnesses for one another, and for other children . . .

I first beget in them a high opinion of their father's love to them, and of his being best able to judge, what shall be good for them . . .

When the children are capable of it, I take them alone, one by one; and after my charges unto them, to fear God, and serve Christ . . .<sup>5</sup>

He read to them, he talked with them, he built character in them, he showed his love toward them, he guided them. In short, **he reared his own children.** Now, Cotton Mather may not have been the average father of that time. Yet, **by default**, since children were not being heavily influenced by TV, peers, and school, they had to be exposed more to the high-parental-control influencers.

Think Waltons! Perhaps not a completely accurate way of looking at a bygone lifestyle, but for those of us young enough to have been raised on TV, it will have to do. You can see some serious shifts in influence had taken place by World War II. Television was still not affecting our children—it did not come into American homes until 1948. But children were not being influenced much more by their peers and school because the country was becoming more urbanized and now had mandatory education.

Every child has about 100 to 120 waking hours per week during which he will be influenced. Because more time was now being spent in the low parental control area, you can see that the influences of high parental control had to diminish. Yet even at this point, the average parent still played a large role in his child's development. Consider the following:

My Daddy taught me young how to hunt and how to whittle,  
He taught me how to work and play a tune on the fiddle;  
He taught me how to love and how to give just a little,  
Thank God, I'm a country boy.<sup>6</sup>

Why have I taken to reciting John Denver songs? The point is this: Today, if you wanted to learn how to whittle, you would probably have to take a continuing education course. And you'd likely learn how to play an instrument in band class.

Have you ever heard someone say, "That fellow's pretty handy"? In most cases, the ability to build and fix things is nothing more than an

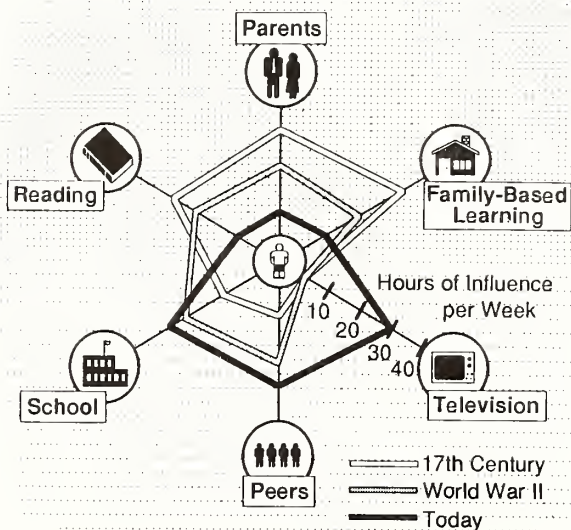


FIGURE 1



indication that a man's father took some time to teach him. This explains why so many men today don't feel "mechanically inclined." (In fact, if you quietly listen as they operate a screwdriver, you'll hear some men muttering, "Let's see . . . righty-tighty . . . lefty-loosey.")

Figure 1 sheds some light on Bronfenbrenner's conclusion, "Children used to be brought up by their parents." Television, an influence that did not even exist in the World War II era, is now, at over 31 hours per week, a major influence for the average American.<sup>7</sup> As we will later see, the influence exerted by peers and school is also extremely powerful.

So much for the influences of low parental control. What about reading, parents, and family-based learning? The U.S. Department of Education reported that grade-school children read silently for just seven to eight minutes per day at school; after school, half of all fifth-graders spend only four minutes a day reading.<sup>8</sup>

Particularly bleak is the picture we have of parents spending time with their children. In Figure 2 you see the paltry bit of time moms and dads spend conversing, reading, and playing with their children. What disturbs me is that **this is the most generous study I have seen.** Other studies, particularly between fathers and their infant children, measure the time spent together in seconds per day!

What about family-based learning—chores, hobbies, learning a trade, repairwork, housework, character development, etc? Many parents have turned over the teaching of the useful things in life to the public school or Sunday School. No longer the center of learning, the home today is something like a combination of McDonald's, Holiday Inn, and Grand Central Station.

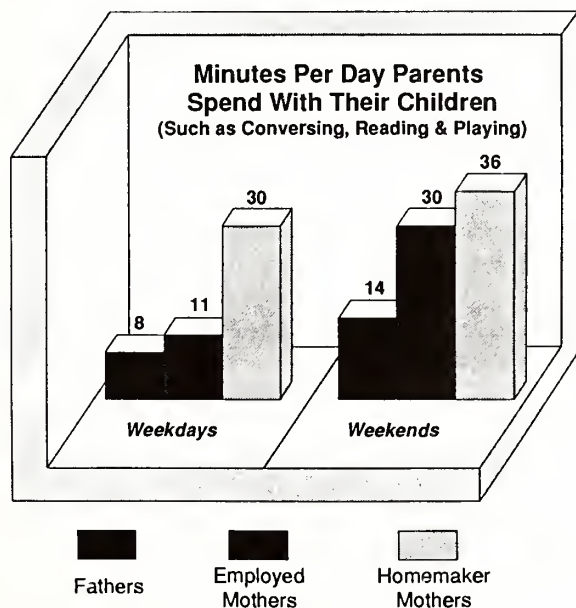


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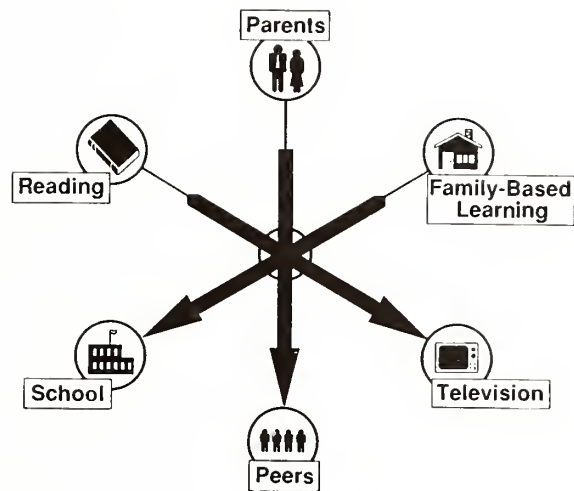


FIGURE 3

In many ways, we have an "either-or" proposition on the lines shown in Figure 3. Either my daughters will pick up a book, or they'll turn on the TV. Either they'll spend some time on Saturday afternoon with Carol and me, or they'll go out to play with their friends. Either they'll learn how to bake a pie at home, or they'll learn this in home economics class. (To see how bizarre the situation is today, imagine one of our forefathers taking a tour through a school. He'd probably ask, "Why do you have these stoves and cooking supplies here to teach the girls? Don't you have these things in your homes?")

Are the downward trends shown in Figure 3 continuing, halting, or reversing? I believe they are continuing for most families. I can come to no other conclusion as I look at phenomena such as cable TV, VCR, pre-school, day-care centers, more employed moms, and busier parents.

But this trend need not be the case in your home.

## FOOTNOTES

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## TEENAGE REBELLION: ITS CAUSE AND ITS CURE

by David Little

One of the saddest things you'll ever see is a teenager who's become rebellious toward his parents. The hurt and pain which have been experienced by teenager and parents alike have probably been considerable, and

have probably occurred over an extended period of time. There are exceptions to the rule, but teenagers who are rebellious are usually this way for a reason.

They're rebellious because they feel they're being mistreated; because they're not receiving the

love they want from their parents; or because they've fallen under the bad influence of others.

Some children seem to be bent on rebellion from the day they're born; all they need is a little encouragement from a peer or

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friend. Thankfully, most of them aren't this way, however. Most of them really want to do what's right; most of them really want to please their parents and enjoy their approval.

Teenagers don't usually become hostile because the rules are too strict; or because the discipline is too severe—though this certainly does happen. They become hostile when the rules and discipline aren't accompanied by a warm and loving relationship. Authority without relationship spawns rebellion. When parents don't love enough or care enough to listen to what they have to say, or try to understand how they feel, teenagers become resentful. When they receive a constant barrage of criticism and never any praise, when parents see only what they do wrong—never what they do right—they become frustrated and angry.

When parents try to force them into a mold which doesn't fit their temperament or personality; when unreasonably high expectations are placed upon them because their parents want bragging rights in the community; when they're not given the independence they think they deserve, they become bitter. And strangely enough they also become hostile and bitter when their parents allow them to do anything they want—because this signifies a lack of love and an indifference to what becomes of them. Mostly, however, they become hostile because their parents haven't developed a warm and loving relationship with them. This causes them to feel cheated and so terribly alone in life.

Children don't naturally resent rules, especially when they know they've been established out of a deep concern for their welfare. They may not always agree and at times they may even protest. But deep down they really want boundaries to be fixed. It shows their parents care and gives them

a sense of security. They can always say, "I can't do that because my parents would kill me," when they don't want to do something wrong but don't have the courage to say "No" to their peers on their own. The boundaries become their safety net of protection.

When teenagers break the rules, parents are tempted to correct the problem by tightening the reins and increasing the discipline. Sometimes this is what's needed, especially if rules and discipline have been too lax. Hostility is rarely ever cured, however, by the heavy hand of authority. This can only be done through an improved relationship. The only thing more authority usually does is drive hostility underground.

Teenage rebellion is a painful problem. Resolving it is extremely difficult. The older the teen the more difficult the problem will probably be to resolve. Before a resolution can even begin; however, parents must get at the cause; and the only way to do this is through communication. Without communication you'll not even know what your teenager is bitter about.

I strongly suggest that you talk and listen, talk and listen, talk and listen until you clearly understand what the desires and aspirations of your teens are. There's no way to build a closer relationship without it. Encourage them to share their deepest thoughts and feelings even if you can't always agree. Just knowing that you care enough to listen will go a long way in defusing hostility and reducing tension in the home.

Once they understand you've established boundaries for their protection—because you don't want them getting hurt—they may not agree with the limits you have set but they'll at least be grateful for your concern.

If you can't trust them because they've let you down in the past

and have proven themselves to be unreliable, explain this to them and tell them what they can do to rebuild your confidence again.

If the only solution you have is to come down harder—with stricter rules and more severe punishment (though sometimes this may be needed) the battle will probably be lost. There has to be a balance between authority and love in the home if authority is going to be effective. Too much authority coupled with too little love is a one-way ticket to disaster. A flawed relationship almost always leads to a flawed product.

This may come as a surprise to some but teens don't list drugs and sex as the biggest problem they are facing. The biggest problem they say they're facing is a poor relationship with their parents. It's not a single conflict but rather the overall environment of the home that's shaping their attitudes and outlook on life.

The only way I know to build a better relationship is through better communication. So try to be understanding, try to be fair and don't expect instant results. It takes times for bruised relationships to heal. Be kind, be firm, but by all means be loving.

Be short on criticism and long on praise. Encourage your teenagers in every way you can. Try to develop a closeness with them by doing things together. It's the most promising cure for rebellion that I know.

If your children are still small, develop a warm and loving relationship with them. Be on their team rather than on their back. It's much easier to keep a relationship intact than it is to repair one that's gone bad.

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## DESERT STORM COMMANDER IN CHIEF THANKS ABS FOR BIBLES

U.S. Army General H. Norman Schwarzkopf, head of the U.S. Central Command, has written a letter of appreciation to the American Bible Society (ABS), expressing his thanks for the special desert camouflage-covered Bibles the ABS provided for U. S. military personnel in Operation Desert Storm.

"In times of greatest stress, soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines and coastguardsmen, have always looked to their God for strength, help and deliverance," the general wrote on March 9. "This present conflict is no exception."

He said the enthusiasm generated by the Desert Storm edition of *The Good News Bible*, an ABS Today's English Version Translation (TEV), "is proof that today's young men and women are as hungry for spiritual nourishment as were those of any previous generation."

The ABS, at the request of the U.S. Armed Forces Chaplains Board in Washington, DC, provided the military with 300,000 of the compact, but complete, Bibles with the special camouflage cover. The Bibles were distributed to the troops via military channels. A feature article in the March 11 issue of *People* magazine noted that General Schwarzkopf "kept in his spartan bedroom . . . [a] camouflage-covered Bible" among other personal items in Saudi Arabia.

The desert sand covers were designed on the basis of the desert-camouflage uniforms U.S. troops wore in the Persian Gulf. The ABS used a swatch from a military jacket to develop the color separations for the cover. Col. Meredith R. Standley, executive director of the Chaplains Board, provided the ABS with insignias of the various branches of the armed forces and the chaplains corps for inclusion on the cover.

"I am gratefully aware of the special attention, labor and resources which went into the production of these Bibles," General Schwarzkopf wrote. "Please accept my sincere thanks on behalf of all those who have been beneficiaries of your generosity and good work."

The ABS also provided 100,000 desert camouflage-covered New Testaments for troops in the Gulf. These, however, were provided to individual chaplains and did not carry the armed forces insignias.

## PERSIAN GULF WAR OPPORTUNITY FOR WITNESSING

Christians should view war in the Persian Gulf as an opportunity to share the first coming of Jesus Christ, rather than focusing on the Second Coming, according to a Southern Baptist scholar.

"It's a time to share Christ and his first coming. We need to be careful not to set dates but share the good news . . . the hope, strength, peace for man right now," said John Newport, emeritus professor of philosophy of religion and vice president for

academic affairs at Southwestern seminary.

Newport, author of numerous books including a 1988 book about the Second Coming titled *The Lion and the Lamb*, has been to the Middle East 25 times and said crisis situations like the Persian Gulf war remind people of life's fragility.

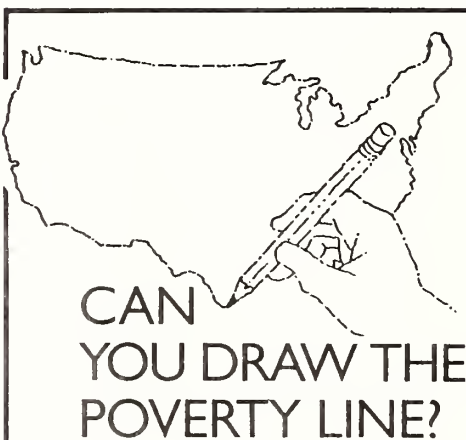
"We are finite beings," he said. "We need to be obedient, combining justice and love and forgiveness—recognizing all humanity is caught in the fall of man," he said.

Newport said the heightened interest in biblical prophecy provides a good opportunity for Christians to witness.

Newport said several people, including newspaper reporters, have asked him how Saddam Hussein fits in with biblical prophecy. Newport's answer is that every generation has had the spirit of anti-Christ, from the Apostle John's generation through this generation.

But Newport cautioned against over-excitement among Christians about relating the Bible's

(Turn the Page)



1. Within \$500, can you name the official U.S. government poverty line for a family of four?
2. How many Americans live below the poverty line?
3. Of the answer to #2, how many work at least part-time?

4. Name three of the six states where 20% or more of the population lives below the poverty line.

5. Compared to other U.S. income brackets, where do poverty-level families rank in charitable giving?

ANSWERS: (1) \$12,675 for a family of four. (2) More than 32 million, or about one in eight. (3) About half. (4) Mississippi (25.6%); West Virginia (22.8%); Arkansas (22.2%); Alabama (21.5%); Louisiana (20.8%); New Mexico (20.7%). (5) Number one, according to a recent Gallup poll. Households with income under \$10,000 donate an average of 5.5% of their income. Middle-income families give the lowest average percentage.

Taken from *World Vision*, February-March 1991.



end times and events in the Persian Gulf.

"We must be alert that we do not make the Bible into a device for divination, instead of a tool for spiritual discernment.

"In the meantime, we are to be busy in our calling. End time theories arise often," Newport said. But "none of them should cause us to put down the sickle and pick up the spyglass," he noted.

God uses man's rebellion for his redemptive plans in the midst of the circumstances, Newport said, adding he foresees that out of the Iraq situation, there could become a new openness to God both in the United States and in the Arab world.

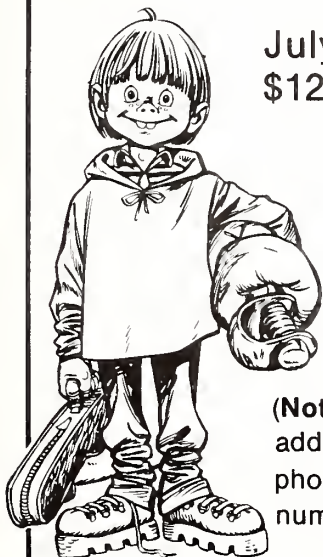
Reprinted from *The Biblical Recorder*,  
February 9, 1991.

## ATTENTION, AFCers . . .

### Youth Frontier Conference/AFC Week

The Rev. Doug Skinner,  
director  
1306 Lynn Road  
Durham, NC 27703  
(919) 596-2816

July 8-13  
\$125



(Note: New  
address and  
phone  
number.)

## CAMP VANDEMERE WOMAN'S CONFERENCE

THEME: "Potpourri"

SCRIPTURE: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.

Check-In: Monday 10 a.m. (Gates and doors will not open until 9 a.m.) Check-out Friday 10 a.m.

The time for Christian camping will soon be here. We want to invite you to join us this summer during the **Camp Vandemere Woman's Conference**. Our theme for the week will be: **"Potpourri."**

Each Auxiliary is urged to elect a Woman of the Year and to send her to camp. Each Woman of the Year will be honored during a special service on Monday evening. (Women of the Year not present at that time will be honored on whichever day they attend.) If your Woman of the Year cannot attend for any day, send in her letter of recognition and she will be recognized.

We hope you can come for the entire week. If not, we would like to have you as an overnight or day camper. Many of our working ladies find this more feasible for their schedule. We have an exciting program planned with Bible study, music, arts and crafts, denominational interests and lots more. Our speakers will be discussing characteristics of an effective Christian in our society today. Come and join the fellowship of Christian Camping.

Yours in Christ,  
Mary Dudley,  
Director/Registrar

### REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Church and Conference: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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### DAY-CAMPERS ONLY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
B - L - D	B - L - D	B - L - D	B - L - D

**PLEASE** circle days you plan to attend and meals you desire. (Day-camper fees are: Breakfast \$2.50, lunch \$3, dinner \$3.50 and overnight \$5.)

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**Camp Fees are:** \$55 for the week. Registration fee is \$10, with the balance due upon arrival. Send registration forms and fees to:

Mary M. Dudley

Route 1, Box 430

Deep Run, NC 28525

Telephone: (919) 568-3311

**NOTE:** Please call and let us know if you have a group coming in for the day, so we can prepare extra meals.

Thank you!

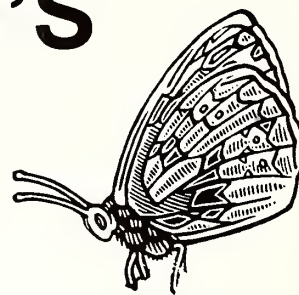


# SUMMER WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

## June Women's Conference

June 10-15, 1991

The Bible teachers for the June conference will be our missionary couple, Willem and Lydia van der Plas.



## August Women's Conference August 5-10, 1991

(Remember: there **will not** be a second Women's Conference in August.)

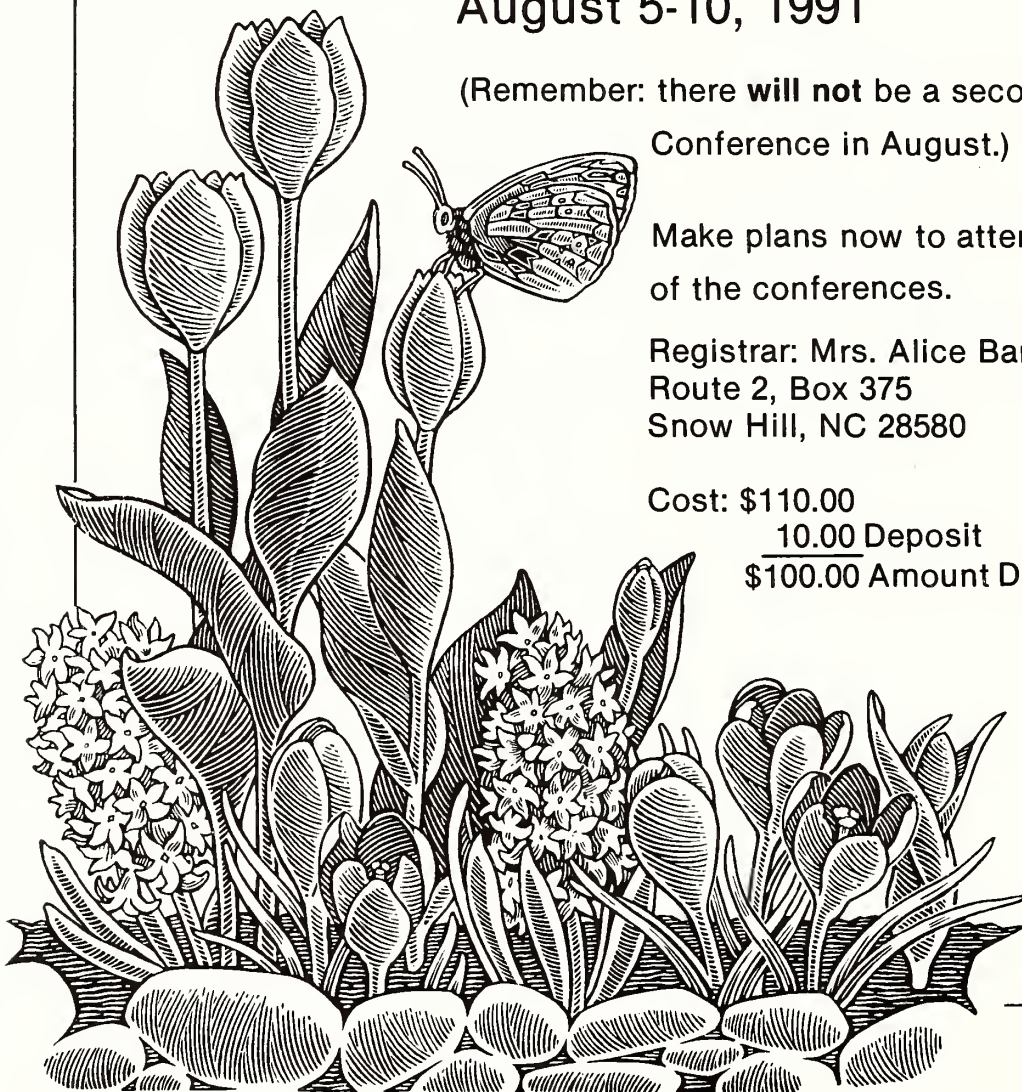
Make plans now to attend one or both of the conferences.

Registrar: Mrs. Alice Barrow  
Route 2, Box 375  
Snow Hill, NC 28580

Cost: \$110.00  
    10.00 Deposit  
    \$100.00 Amount Due on Arrival

Different special mini-activities are planned for both weeks.

During both weeks we plan a trip to Cherokee, NC, to do some sight-seeing and to attend the outdoor drama "Unto These Hills." We also will do some shopping in the Black Mountain area.





## TO ALL MINISTERS OF THE CONVENTION OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina Ministerial Association wishes to invite you to come be with us at Cragmont Assembly on **June 17-20, 1991**. This is our annual Ministers' Conference and we would like for you to attend. If you plan to attend, please fill in the pre-registration form below. The cost of pre-registration will be \$15. This money will cover your membership in the Association and your picture for the week.

Make all checks payable to **NORTH CAROLINA MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION** and mail to:

Phillip Boykin  
Route 5, Box 177  
Dunn, NC 28334

Please return this form by **June 3, 1991**.

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### PRE-REGISTRATION FOR MINISTERS' CONFERENCE JUNE 17-20, 1991

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your building preference. Rooms will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis!

Main Building \_\_\_\_\_ Motel \_\_\_\_\_ Floyd House \_\_\_\_\_

Dorm \_\_\_\_\_ I will be staying off campus \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any existing health problems that would prevent you from being on the second floor?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate those with whom you wish to room if you stay in the Main Building or in the Motel:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Please note:** All ministers' wives who stay on campus will room in the dorm behind the dining hall. \_\_\_\_\_ Check here if your wife will be with you.

Would you like the Christian Flag at your funeral?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If you are unable to attend our Conference this year and wish to join our Ministerial Association or renew your membership, please send \$12 membership dues to: Phillip Boykin, Route 5, Box 177, Dunn, NC 28334.



# CHRISTIAN CADET CONFERENCE

Route 2, Box 496  
Goldsboro, NC 27534

Gary M. Bailey & Ronnie V. Hobgood  
Directors

The Christian Cadet Conference (sponsored by the League Convention) for 1991 will be held on June 24-29. We are looking for a great week of camp.

The cost of camp this year is \$130 per camper. We have not increased our camp fee for the past two years. We regret that we have to increase the fees at this time; however due to higher bus rates, lodging, etc., the \$25 increase is a necessity. You should know in advance that the increase this year includes a one-day trip to *Ghost Town*. The trip to *Ghost Town* is an added expense but we feel that this will add a great deal to our week of camp.

Remember that transportation, towels, sheets, pillows, soap and all activities are included in our one price. The only out-of-pocket expense will be lunch Monday on the way to Cragmont, lunch while at *Ghost Town*, and lunch while returning Saturday, as well as snacks and souvenirs, and a group picture, if desired.

Get your application in as soon as possible. Due to the large number of campers we had last year, we believe there will be more applications than we have space for this year. These spaces will be filled on a first come first served basis. The age for campers is 9-19 years.

To make application to attend this year, you should send in the form below along with a \$35 deposit. This deposit will become non-refundable after June 1, 1991. (Transfers are allowable for new campers, but no refunds can be made after June 1.) The balance of \$95 will be due June 15. Medical forms and travel details will be sent in late May.

For more information or if you have questions, please call or write to: Gary M. Gailey, director (address above); or phone (office) 735-3916; or (home) 734-0714.

## CHRISTIAN CADET CONFERENCE

ROUTE 2, BOX 496

GOLDSBORO, NC 27534

Application for Camp—June 24-29, 1991

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ School Grade Next Fall \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardians \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different than above) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone of Above: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Night \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Night \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_ Minister \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$35 Deposit Enclosed, \$95 Balance Due By June 1.

Signature of Camper \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

For Office Use Only

Do Not Write in This Space

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Denied \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Number \_\_\_\_\_

Notified \_\_\_\_\_

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Balance Due \_\_\_\_\_

Date Entered \_\_\_\_\_



# LAYMAN'S LEAGUE SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT



**June 1, 1991**

“... ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. And I will be found of you, saith the LORD . . . (Jeremiah 29:13-14).

**THEME:** “The Walk of Obedience” (2 Chronicles 7:14)

## MORNING SESSION

9:00- 9:30—Fellowship Time

9:30-10:15—“The Walk of Obedience in the Word,” the Rev. Ray Wells

10:15-10:45—Recreation and Fellowship

10:45-11:30—“The Walk of Obedience in Commitment,” the Rev. Ray Wells

11:30- 1:00—Lunch and Recreation

## AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00- 1:45—“The Walk of Obedience in Prayer,” the Rev. David C. Hansley

1:45- 2:15—Recreation

2:15- 2:45—“The Walk of Obedience in Witness,” the Rev. David C. Hansley

2:45- 3:15—Prayer and Meditation

3:15- 4:15—Sharing Time

4:15—Benediction

## Recommended Reading:

*Absolute Surrender* by Andrew Murray  
(paperback)

(This book may be ordered through the  
Free Will Baptist Press.)

Each person planning to attend the retreat is requested to complete and return this form by May 25.

*Make checks for overnight accommodations payable to the State Layman's League.*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_

CONFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_

HOME TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

(Check appropriate blanks)

\_\_\_\_\_ I plan to attend the retreat at  
Eagles' Nest on June 1.

\_\_\_\_\_ I plan to stay at Eagles' Nest Friday  
night, May 31. (\$5.00)

Please return this form to:

Mr. Roney Bunn Jr.  
Route 3, Box 189  
Kenly, NC 27542  
(919) 237-4428



Send application to:  
Scott and Janie Sowers  
Directors  
Route 1, Box 106-B  
Farmville, NC 27828

YFAers will soon be traveling to Cragmont Assembly to attend the 1991 Youth Frontier Conference. Youth Frontier Conference/YFA Week is unique because it is the only youth encampment at Cragmont planned for just teenagers. This encampment always proves to be a time of fun and fellowship, a time of soul-searching and inspiration. This year's encampment is scheduled for July 1-6.

To make sure that you are among those attending YFA Week, please mail the application below soon! Send the application with a \$30 registration fee. Letters explaining what you need to carry to camp will be sent when your registration fee is received. The total cost of the week is \$135.

Checks should be made payable to Youth Frontier Conference/YFA Week.

## APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Completed \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_



# ***We're Not Ashamed!***

## **General Youth Conference - July 22-27**

### **ATTENTION CAMPERS:**

It's time to begin planning for Cragmont, and General Youth Conference. We are excited about our camp and plan for this year to be the best ever!

Our theme this year is "We're Not Ashamed." The cost for the week is \$130.00. This includes transportation, lodging, food at Cragmont, group picture, activity fee, and tickets for this year's trip, which is being planned for "Dollywood." Please complete the attached registration form below and return no later than June 25 with a \$30.00 deposit. The \$100.00 balance will be due with the return of your forthcoming medical form. Checks should be made payable to General Youth Conference.

We are looking forward to another week of Christian camping filled with instruction, recreation, music, friendship, and just plain fun.

Don't delay!! We will be limited to accepting the first 150 registrations for camp. For further information call me at 638-3436 (office) or 633-2683 (home), or David Hines, Director, at 658-6948.

We're Not Ashamed!!!

Bryant Hines Jr., Registrar  
Post Office Box 266  
Cove City, NC 28523

----- D-E-T-A-C-H---H-E-R-E -----

Name: -----

Address: -----

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Age ----- Male ----- Female -----

Church Name ----- City -----



by C. H. Overman  
Convention General Secretary

### THE SPRING CONVENTIONS

At the time we are writing this May's "Notes and Quotes," the spring Woman's Auxiliary Convention are about half over. It seems that these meetings this spring have been larger in attendance than those of the past year or two. The spirit of the meetings has been great. Perhaps we are on the upward swing now, for I have noted an increase in attendance in other meetings recently.

We just simply feel better about things when more people are involved. Those in charge can do a better job when there is greater support. For example, preachers can do a better job in delivering their messages on Sunday if the attendance is good. At a time when it seems more and more difficult to get delegates to our conventions, we need to remind and urge our people to "seek first the Kingdom of God."

### MEETING WITH MINISTRY DIRECTORS

On April 8, we met with the directors of our Convention's ministries here at the Headquarters, along with officers of the Convention. In many ways it was a most profitable gathering. Discussion focused on the preparing and presentation of a new ministries slide program for our fall conventions, the preparing of a ministries' packet for the ministers which will be made available at our next Convention, the setting up of displays at the Convention, and an updating of the office of General Secretary here at the Headquarters. We'll be saying more about this as we approach Convention time.

We are grateful to our Lord and to our denomination for the opportunity we have been given to serve in this capacity. We do not feel worthy of the task; however, it is our desire to make our denomina-

tion what He would have it to be. I'm proud of it! I believe in it, and I want to promote it and work for it.

### HOW MEN HATE AND FEAR THE BIBLE

The following is taken from *Pulpit Helps* May, 1991.

Only one book is banned from the government schools of America, though once it was in every classroom on the teachers' desks and read daily to the students.

Only one book is hated and feared by communists, humanists and other atheistic groups. They claim that it is only a book of myths and legends, but they cannot tolerate it.

A religious liberal years ago was attacking the Bible in his weekly column in a local newspaper. He said that the Bible was full of errors, contradictions, superstitions, folklore and mythology. We requested permission from the newspaper to answer him week by week, line by line.

In our answer, we asked him why, if the Bible was only a man-made book of legends, he could not let it alone. Why the weird bent to discredit it?

When 10,000 Bibles were sent from America to the people of Romania, Communist dictator Nicolas Ceausescu accepted them in order to get favored-nation status from the United States Congress. He then shipped them to a paper mill to be recycled into toilet paper. They were so poorly recycled that Bible words such as Esau, Jeremiah, and God remained visible (*Reader's Digest*, July, 1990, page 84).

The wicked communist leader eventually met a horrible death as his regime was toppled by the people he had persecuted. The anvil of God's Word has broken another little human hammer that beat upon it.

The enemies of God's Word will be judged by the Word which they rejected, despised and hated. The redeemed will be saved by the Word which they accepted and loved (Don McKnight, Editor, *The Evangelical Methodist*).

### MY TURN IN THE NURSERY

Last Sunday was my turn in the nursery to work.  
My heart wasn't in it, and my feelings were hurt.  
A child from its mother did not want to part,  
And it cried a lot with its broken heart.  
I prayed that soon the hour would end,  
That I could relax—no more children to tend.  
Soon the hour was over—felt good to be free,  
I said once a month was too much for me.  
The very next Sunday, as I sat in the pew,  
A very good sermon, but visitors were few.  
But down the aisle came a woman, and her soul was saved,  
And she was the mother of that crying babe.  
Then it dawned on me that I'd been a part,  
Of one being saved—giving God her heart.  
From that day on, I would never dread,  
My time in the nursery, while souls were fed.

—Contributed





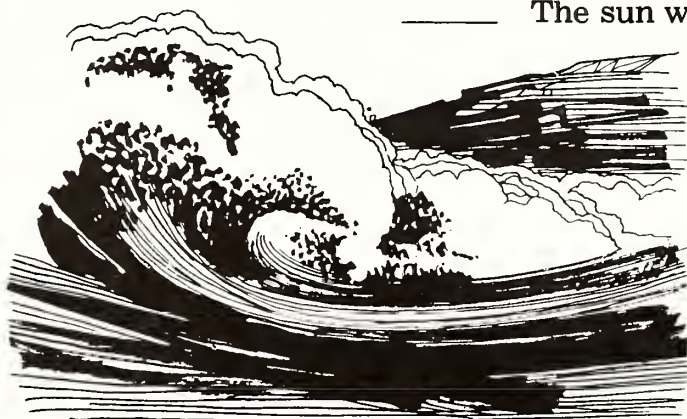
## THE ORDER OF IT ALL

The first sentence of the Bible is "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Before this there were no trees, flowers, animals, rivers, mountains, or any of the things we know today. **But**, there was God! We know that plants come from seeds, light comes from the sun, and babies are born of their mothers. So it is hard for us to understand how God had no beginning. He was here—even before He created the world. He was always here and He always will be!

The first chapter of Genesis describes the creation of the earth. In what order were all things created? Number each of the following events in the order in which it appears in the first chapter of the Bible.

- \_\_\_\_\_ God caused all the water to come together and the dry land to appear. He made grass, trees, flowers, and all other plants.
- \_\_\_\_\_ All land animals were made. God also made His most important creation—man.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Light was made. God divided the light from the darkness. This was the beginning of night and day.
- \_\_\_\_\_ God made the fish and all living creatures in the water. He also made all kinds of birds.
- \_\_\_\_\_ God made the firmament which He called "Heaven."

- \_\_\_\_\_ The sun was made to give light and warmth to the day.  
The stars were made also.





JOTS & TITTLES is compiled by Gary Burbage. Gary is director of Admissions and Recruiting at Beaufort County Community College. His wife, Donna, and two children, Mary Beth and Kyle, attend Sidney Church.

## LOTTERY BILLS APPEAR AGAIN IN NC

Three lottery bills (Senate Bill 2, House Bill 15, and House Bill 21) have been introduced in the 1991 session of the North Carolina General Assembly. The Christian Action League urges concerned voters to contact their state legislators and request that they *oppose* the lottery based on the following:

- A lottery is bad public policy that exploits the poor;
- A lottery depresses business by siphoning off money from the legitimate business community;
- A lottery undermines public confidence in government by exploiting the weakness of its citizens rather than developing their strengths;
- A lottery enhances criminal activity;
- A lottery undermines the fundamental principle of humane society by making money from the losses of others.

*Tomorrow*, March, 1991

## TEXTBOOK DEBATE HEATS UP IN DAVIE COUNTY

(Winston-Salem AP) Two Davie County school board members are under attack for what some fear is their mission to impose a set of strict religious values on the classroom.

The two board members, David Owens and Calvin Ijames, also belong to the Concerned Christians Coalition of Davie County, a fundamentalist group that advocates a conservative agenda for school and public officials.

Elnora Gore, president of the local chapter of the N.C. Association of Education, said Owens and Ijames have acted improperly by distributing copies of a book. The book tells students how they can worship on campus without interfering with classes.

"We feel like these two gentlemen should not use their position to advance their personal agenda," Mrs. Gore told the *Winston-Salem Journal*. "As educators, we're trying to set a good example . . . And any religious activities should take place in church."

Mrs. Gore said she has drafted a letter to the school board, outlining her concerns about the two men.

Owens defended his role in passing out the religious literature saying that he and Ijames do not force the material on anyone.

"We go anywhere to a public gathering," he said. "They pay for the books, and they're good books to have . . . The things I'm doing are not illegal."

## NEA AT IT AGAIN

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) has been funding American "artists" who burn the American flag, while troops in Desert Storm fight to defend the flag.

Karen Finley "performed" nude on stage, smeared with chocolate, shouting "God is dead," as she burned American flags. This live performance was held at New York's Lincoln Theater. Finley has been funded four times by the NEA for similar artistic performances.

*New American*, 10-8-90

## ARRESTED FOR WITNESSING

New York City police arrested two men for passing out Christian tracts outside Nassau County Coliseum, while heavy metal group Judas Priest performed inside. Judas Priest's music regularly promotes images of Satanism and sex.

The men arrested contacted the National Legal Foundation and filed a lawsuit alleging violations of 1st Amendment rights to free speech. Federal Judge Jacob Mishler ruled in favor of the men, therefore upholding the right to

witness within a public forum such as coliseum grounds.

Coliseum officials are seeking to overturn the decision.

*The Christian World Report*, February 1991

## JESUS: DID HE REALLY SAY IT?

The Jesus Seminar, which is a group comprised of liberal New Testament scholars, has recently completed a six-year study on words generally attributed to Jesus Christ in the Gospels.

According to their conclusion, only 20% of Jesus' statements can be ascribed authentic. The Jesus Seminar also casually assumes that there could have been a committee of individuals who authored the Sermon on the Mount. The Jesus Seminar, as of yet, has not concluded who actually did the writing.

*National Review*, April 1, 1991

## MORE PEOPLE "BORN AGAIN"

More Americans consider themselves "born again" than ever before. The most recent Gallup Poll concluded that 38 percent of the adult population consider themselves evangelical, up from 33 percent in 1988.

The poll did not cite denomination or doctrinal stands. It merely asked if the person considered himself to be "born again." The results released in early January also indicated, however, that most Americans believe the influence of religion is declining.

*Charisma*, April 1991

## BABY BOOMERS TALK TO THE DEAD

Over 50% of American adults believe there is a devil. About 25% believe in ghosts, and 18% believe that it's possible to talk to the dead, according to a recent Gallup Poll.

More than 70% of adults believe in life after death.

*American Demographics*, April 1991

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**MEGA-CHURCHES ON THE RISE**  
There are 5,000 churches in the USA with congregations of 1,000 or more. A variety of ministry opportunities seem to be a common thread among these churches.

Riverbend Baptist in Austin, Texas, offers support groups for widows and widowers, the newly divorced and adult children of alcoholics. They also offer to the community a summer camp equipped with a gym and olympic pool.

New Hope in Portland, Oregon, offers a weekly singles-only service.

*USA Weekend*

## DID YOU KNOW?

- 100,000 chemical reactions occur in the brain each second.
- Most money lost on a movie released in theatres? \$44.1 million on "Inchon," produced by the Reverend Sun Myung Moon.
- In the US, there are 730 abortions for every 1,000 live births among teenagers.
- World's most widely used language: Mandarin, spoken by 806 million people. 426 million speak English.
- US soft drink makers spent \$44 billion on advertising last year.
- Between the 7th and 12th grades the average teenager will listen to and watch over 11,000 hours of rock music and rock videos.
- 37% of men and 59% of women think they've overweight.
- In daytime soap operas, 94% of sexual references are to partners who are not married or not married to each other.
- Third World Churches now send out 20,000 missionaries.
- Americans eat an average of 24,657,534 hot dogs per day.
- About 45 million telephone calls will be made in North America on Mother's Day.

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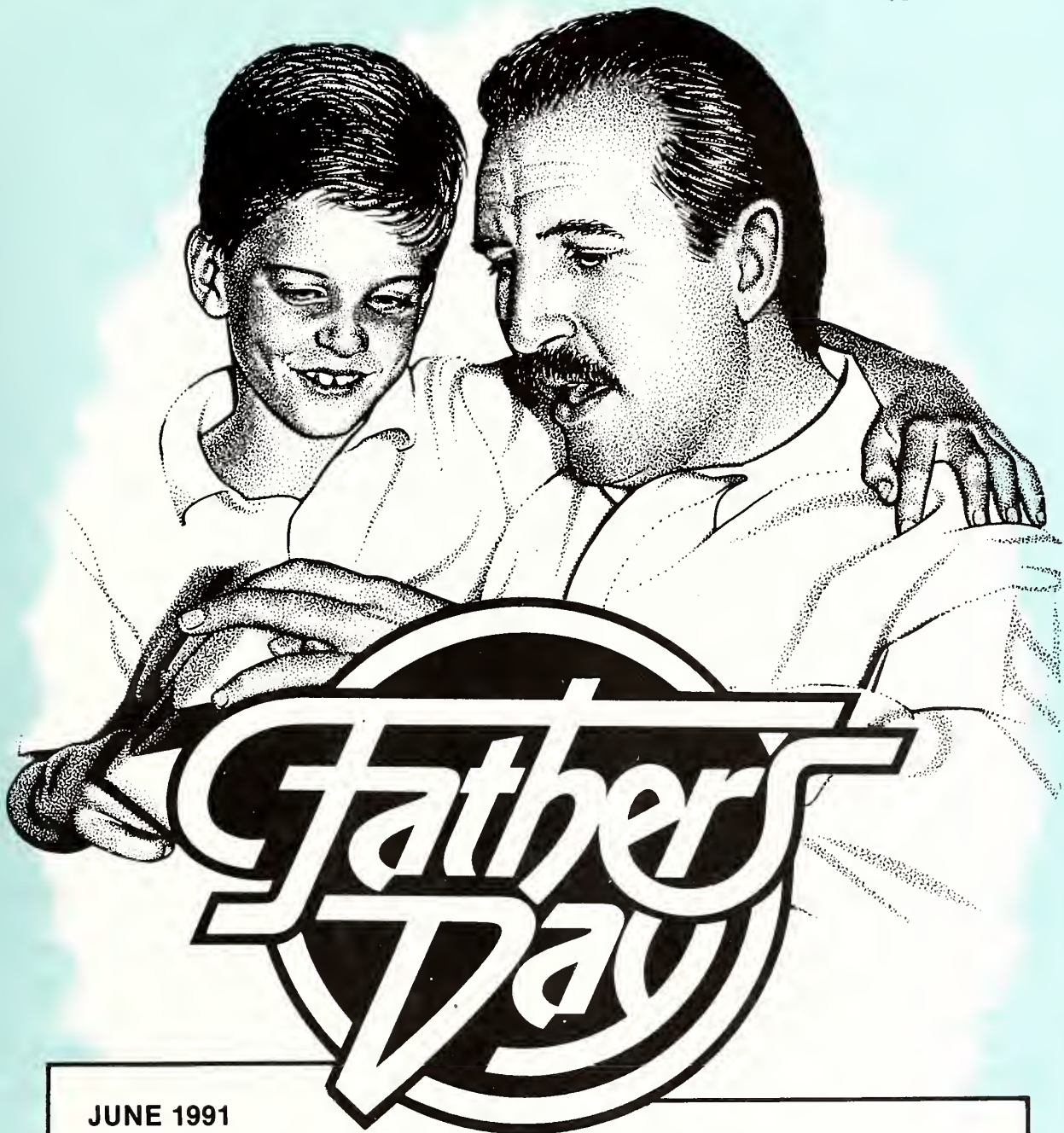
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### HOMEcoming AT PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH—1990



Left to right: Clifton Parnell, chairman of the trustees; the Rev. Cedric Pierce, pastor; and Rufus Hare, chairman of the deacon board.

"God is so Good!" This statement was clearly realized by members of Pleasant Grove Church, Pikeville, at the homecoming service held in October of 1990. The trustees of the church were able to burn a note of indebtedness of \$43,189.15. The church purchased 1.5 acres of land that adjoins the church on May 1, 1987, for \$38,000. During the next three years, through a land drive, memorials, yard sales and miscellaneous projects, the debt was paid in full on April 13, 1990. The bulk of the money came, however, from God's people simply giving. Members were blessed enough to be able to give from the abundance that God had blessed them. The members of the church were very thankful to have been able to accomplish this endeavor for God's glory in this length of time. Nothing is accomplished without God's divine hand at work and all the glory and praise are given to Him. The members of the Pleasant Grove Church just wanted to share with our Free Will Baptist family some good news! God is so good!

#### WESTERN UNION TO MEET

The First Union Meeting of the Western Conference will meet with Watson's Grove Church, near Kenly, on Saturday, June 29, at 9:30 a.m. The Rev. Harold Jones, Foreign Missions Director, will be preaching, with his alternate being the Rev. Harold Swinson. The Rev. James Joyner, clerk-treasurer, urges all member churches to be present with full delegation, report and fee.

James V. Joyner, *Clerk*

#### CAPE FEAR UNION

The Union Meeting of the Cape Fear Conference will convene with Saint Mary's Grove Church, Route 3, Benson, NC, Johnston County, June 29, 1991. The scheduled program is as follows:

- 10:00—Hymn, Congregation
- Devotions, the Rev. Hubert R. Radford
- Welcome, Host Church
- Response, Shady Grove Church
- 10:20—Enrollment of Officers and Ministers

- Reading of the minutes of the Last Union
- Appointment of Committees
- Roll Call of Churches
- Report of Denominational Ministries
- Miscellaneous Business
- 11:15—Hymn, Congregation
- Offering and Offertory Prayer
- Special Music, Host Church
- Message, the Rev. Kenneth Littleton
- Alternate: the Rev. Leonard Woodall
- 12:00—Report of Treasurer
- Report of Committees
- Unfinished Business
- Benediction and Adjournment

#### ALBEMARLE UNION TO MEET

The Albemarle Union will meet at Gum Neck Church, Columbia, on June 29. The scheduled program is as follows:

##### OPENING SESSION

- Pianist, Mrs. Lucille Jones
- 10:00—Devotions, the Rev. W. L. Brickhouse
- 10:10—Welcome, Pastor
- Response
- 10:15—The Moderator's Address, the Rev. Charlie Overton
- 10:20—Roll Call of Ministers
- Recognition of Visiting Ministers
- Roll Call of Churches
- 10:30—Offering for Denominational Ministries
- Announcements
- Prayer Time
- Two Testimonies

##### BUSINESS SESSION

- 10:40—Report of Children's Home, via literature
  - Report of Mount Olive College, via literature
  - Report of Free Will Baptist Press, via literature
  - Report of Missions: Home and Foreign, via literature
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—Report of Cragmont, via literature

—Report of Retirement Homes, via literature

10:50—Report of Treasurer

—Old or New Business

—Announcements of Next Union

11:00—Minutes Read and Approved

#### MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

11:10—Hymn

11:20—Special Music, Host Church

11:25—Message, the Rev. David Charles Hansley

—Benediction

—Adjournment and Lunch

#### THIRD UNION OF THE EASTERN CONFERENCE TO MEET

The regular meeting of the Third Union of the Eastern Conference will be held at Whaley's Chapel Church, Saturday, June 29, 1991, at 9:30 a.m.

The Sunday School Committee will present a special program. All pastors and delegates of the district are urged to attend and help make the Union Meeting a great success to the glory of God. At each meeting, great fellowship and an excellent noon meal are enjoyed.

#### SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION OF NORTH CAROLINA WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The sixty-fourth annual session of the North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention was hosted by the Piedmont Woman's Auxiliary at East Rockingham Church on May 9, 1991.

"To Be True Servants," the theme of the Convention, was portrayed at the opening of the meeting with the practice of washing the saints' feet. Taking part were Dianne Riley, Joan Little and Deborah King.

The congregation sang "Take My Life and Let It Be," under the

direction of Dianne Riley; Donna Holland was pianist and Nina Grace Register organist.

The Rev. Ken Hardison, pastor of East Rockingham, prayed the invocation. Pat Deese extended the welcome and Louise Bryan responded. Hazel Brown, of the local church, made announcements.

Carolyn Jernigan, president, expressed her appreciation for everyone in attendance, especially those on the program.

The hymn, "O Jesus, I Have Promised," was sung by the congregation.

Nina Grace Register, on behalf of the Convention, presented the Life Membership Award to Mrs. Alice Barrow. "A Commitment Medley" was sung by Deborah King.

The Rev. Willem van der Plas introduced his wife Lydia with a loving tribute, who then brought the message. She spoke on the church and its "irregular" heartbeat. She said the church was here to glorify, edify, educate and evangelize.

Dianne Riley sang "A Servant Medley."

Janet Brown used the flower of each month in a basket as symbols in the memorial service. "Come, All Christians, Be Committed" was sung.

The offering was taken; the Rev. Jeff Daughtry prayed the offertory.

The denominational ministries were represented as follows: The Rev. Harold Jones, Foreign Missions; the Rev. David C. Hansley, Home Missions; the Rev. Jeff Daughtry, The Children's Home; Mrs. Jean Ackiss, Mount Olive College; the Rev. Walter Sutton, Retirement Homes; the Rev. John Williams, Cragmont; and the Rev. C. H. Overman, General Secretary.

Lunch was served in the Fellowship Hall.

The afternoon session was opened with the singing of choruses and devotions by Marie

Holmes. Jean Green, of the local church, sang "He Chose Me."

Various reports were given in the business session, which will be included in the Minutes.

"Open My Eyes That I May See" was the closing hymn. Dola Dudley, who has served on the Literature Committee for thirty years, was recognized and asked to pray the benediction.

There were 144 registered at the Convention and there were many expressions regarding the wonderful spirit that prevailed throughout the day—God was glorified and we were edified.

Ruth L. Warrick,  
*Corresponding Secretary*

#### MEETING SCHEDULED

The Ordaining Council of the Central Conference will meet on Monday, July 1, at 7 p.m., at the Free Will Baptist Headquarters, Ayden. If anyone has business with the Council, contact the Rev. J. B. Narron, chairman.

#### HERITAGE DAY APPROACHES

Heritage Day is an annual event at Marlboro Church, Farmville. The day provides the congregation with an opportunity to look at its past and recognize where it presently is. This year's focus will be on the Depression years, the days when things were bad, but faiths were strong.

Many of the day's services and activities will be held outside. Sunday School will begin at 9:45 a.m. and the morning worship service will start at 11. Lunch will be served afterwards and will feature pork and other favorites cooked on the church yard. Games and activities will take place when the noon meal has been completed.

The Rev. Scott Sowers, pastor, and the congregation of Marlboro Church cordially invite everyone to join them for this special day.

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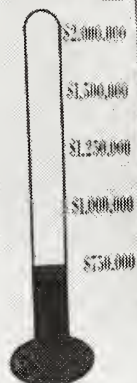
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## MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE



## HEAD TABLE CLUB

### New Dining Hall at Mount Olive College

A new dining hall for MOC—Mount Olive College Trustee S. Woodrow McCoy, left, and President W. Burkette Raper look over the site of the College's new dining hall. McCoy and his family are members of Core Creek Church in Cove City (photo by Patti O'Donoghue).

Gifts and pledges through mid-May have totaled \$750,000 toward a projected goal of \$2 million. The College hopes to meet the \$2 million goal by the Convention of OFWB in September.

The centerpiece of our dining hall campaign is a search for one hundred donors (churches, individuals, or special groups) who will pledge \$10,000. This pledge may be paid over a period of five years on a schedule suitable to the donor. Options include:

- One-time gift of \$10,000
- \$2,000 annually
- \$1,000 semi-annually
- 500 quarterly
- 166 monthly

Donors of \$10,000 or more will belong to our distinguished "Head Table Club." (This club will also include our major donors who give more than \$10,000.) Through mid-May, the following donors advised the College of their commitments in the amount of \$10,000 or more for the Dining Hall project.

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North Carolina Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary  
Stoney Creek Church

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# THE REV. SCOTT SOWERS CHALLENGES GRADUATES TO "LIVE LIFE ABUNDANTLY"

by Patti O'Donoghue  
MOC Director of Public Information

"Jesus came to give us life," the Rev. Scott Sowers told Mount Olive College's graduating class, "but not just life—Jesus indicated that this life is to be abundant."

"I challenge you to live life abundantly, take risks, do things that will outlive you."

President of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, the College's sponsoring body, Sowers posed the question to the graduates, faculty, family, and friends who were gathered in College Hall for the annual commencement worship service, "Is there more to life than work, making money, buying a house, clothes, a car?"

"There has to be more sandwiched between birth and death," he answered. "Jesus is the essence of meaning. Jesus is the One who brings meaning and purpose to our life. Before we commit to Jesus, we are spiritually dead."

Sowers related the results of a poll in which 50 people over the age of 95 were asked what would they have done differently if they could live their lives over.

"These people did not say they wanted more success or a bigger home, or any of the things so many of us think are so critical," he said. "They said they would reflect more, they would risk more, and they would do more things that would live on after they were gone."

"I suggest to you," he said, "if you want to experience abundant life, it will require reflection. We must reflect on truth, our mission, our purpose. We must press meaning into our life and know to whom it is properly dedicated. We must reach out to all people with the good news of Jesus Christ."

Sowers stressed that those who never make mistakes have never done anything new or different.



The Rev. Scott Sowers

"We are depending on you to take risks and to lead us in the future," he told the graduates. "If you know your mission, you can handle the choices."

"I hope some of you think you can change the world," he continued, "because abundant living involves doing things that will outlive you. You can make a difference in this world by investing yourself, your resources, talent, and abilities in people."

"Invest in the ministry of the church, in mission work, in schools, colleges, universities," Sowers encouraged. "Invest in those places like Mount Olive College that have made a difference in the lives of so many people."

An alumnus of Mount Olive, Sowers related how he met his wife, Janie Jones Sowers, while attending the College and of responding to the call of the "ministry of the gospel here in this college community."

He told the students that perhaps, rather than recalling his words, "most of you will recall the experience that we worshiped together."

Sowers has served as pastor at Marlboro Church in Farmville for 14 years. In 1989, he was named to "WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN CHURCH LEADERSHIP." He has also served the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists as vice president, secretary, and member-at-large.

# 37TH COMMENCEMENT AT MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Pepper Worthington  
Writer-in-Residence

The 37th Commencement Graduation Exercises of Mount Olive College took place May 11 at College Hall. In a morning of sunshine, exuberance and celebration, 146 students received diplomas: their visual record of achievement.

Among the 146 graduates, 27 received associate degrees while 119 earned baccalaureate degrees.

Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, rejoiced with the graduates. Robustly he said, "We're proud of you. You're a nice looking group of young men and women. If we succeed with our students, we'll succeed in all things. Academics and student development must always be given priority."

He paused, looked closely at the attentive graduates and declared, "You have health. You have a sound mind and body. You have had the opportunity of an education and now the privilege of living in America. I had rather be in America than in any other place on this earth. You've got everything you need. If you can't make it with these benefits, no one can give you what you need to make it in life."

Applause erupted.

Dr. Raper added, "You now become the debtors. You've got everything you need for success and happiness. Now it depends upon how well you use your gifts. Don't live in a world no bigger than yourself. See the vastness of the universe, the depth and breath of human life and explore the outer boundaries of the universe."

Lieutenant Colonel Steven L. Turner, commander of the 336th Tactical Fighter Squadron at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, delivered the Commencement Address. In his address, Lt. Col. Turner recounted his experience in Desert Storm, a breathtaking,

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personal story of both his feelings and numerous events in the war with Iraq.

"On August 7," he began, "I was more concerned where I was going to take my wife to eat for our 19th wedding anniversary. Then I was told that the 336th Tactical Fighter Squadron was to deploy within 48 hours. My knees were weak. I became concerned about leaving my family and my home. I tried to cope with a variety of emotions," he admitted.

Lt. Col. Turner then paused, his eyes fixed upon the silent audience. "On August 9," he continued, "some 24 fighters departed to fly 8,000 miles. We needed 10 area refuelings. Our flight lasted over 15 hours, and we were diverted to Saudi Arabia."

In describing the tent city constructed in Saudi Arabia, Lt. Col. Turner reported, "We built a tent city for 2,000 men and women. We all feared the chemical and biological centers of Saddam Hussein, but our strategy was to cut him off from his leaders. We wanted to apply pressure to maintain air superiority."

By December 1, the military's morale increased rather than decreased. "We built a tent city to house 5,000 men and women. On January 16, we were to go into Iraq at sundown. There were 24 aircraft in my squadron. We slipped under their radar by going under 500 feet at 540 miles an hour. The mood of my guys was surprisingly good. We all knew that the road to Goldsboro went through Baghdad. Our formation," he continued, "turned off our lights and headed toward our targets. Radar sites had to be blown up. We obviously surprised them with our bombs. It was an awesome fireworks show," he declared.

"We felt like we had robbed a 7-Eleven and we tried to get out of town as quick as we could. The leader of the Iraqi group shot his own wingman down," he said with a smile.

"For 43 days all my squadron did was sleep, eat and fly. We were doing an important job and doing it well. The 336th Squadron spent 7½ months in the desert. We dropped over 6 million pounds of bombs."

A hush swept over the audience.

In a voice of triumph, Lt. Col. Turner concluded, "The victory of Desert Storm is a result of thousands of men and women. In six weeks we accomplished the equivalent of the entire Berlin air

lift. Our bombs were from the United States. I am confident that our victory was due to the prayers and thoughts of our people. You cared enough to write a letter. You cared enough to send packages."

He turned to the 146 graduates and declared, "My prayer for the 1991 graduating class of Mount Olive College is that you'll never see another war conflict. War is ugly and there is never really a clear-cut winner."

### **WILLEM AND DIRK VAN DER PLAS: MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE REACHES BEYOND THE PACIFIC**

by Patti O'Donoghue  
*MOC Director of Public Information*

From the mission field in the Philippines beyond the Pacific Ocean, the van der Plas family traveled across the globe to eastern North Carolina. Their goal? To study; to learn more about America.

And on a beautiful warm Saturday morning in May—Willem and Dirk, father and son, missionary and students—strode across the stage to become members of Mount Olive College's Class of 1991. Wife and mother, Lydia, snapped pictures, capturing the happiness and joy.

While in the Philippines, Willem had taken Contemporary American Religion from Mount Olive through correspondence. He was hampered by the fact that he did not have sufficient library resources. He hungered for more.

"I felt I wanted to know more about American educational, theological, and cultural background," said Willem. "I also wanted to learn more about evangelical views, Baptist views, contemporary religious views in the U.S."

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Graduation congratulations—Dirk van der Plas, second from left, and Willem van der Plas, right, receive congratulations following graduation exercises at Mount Olive College. Also pictured are MOC President W. Burkette Raper, left, and Lydia van der Plas (photo by Patti O'Donoghue).



The family arrived at Mount Olive College in 1987, after having served since March of 1984 as Free Will Baptist missionaries in the Philippines. They moved into the College apartments where the van der Plases served as apartment directors.

Dirk enrolled as a freshman and began his studies. He knew he wanted to attend a church-related college and he decided to give MOC a try.

"These were good years here at Mount Olive," said Dirk. "My parents returned to the Philippines in 1988, but I've always felt secure. People were always there to talk to. Frank Harrison (Dirk's academic advisor and College chaplain) helped me a lot. Mr. Harrison and Dr. Pelt (professor of religion, chair of the religion and philosophy department) gave me places to stay."

Willem, having already earned a European degree and served as an educator, began further studies.

"I refreshed my psychology background," Willem said. "Being an educator, I am concerned with the well-being of people. I believe if we teach them to live first, the rest will come. Also, I had a very professional year within my college studies and in my contacts with Americans."

An outstanding student, Dirk was named to MOC's Dean's List, the National Dean's List, and to WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES. He also served as a member of the Mount Olive College Singers for three years.

"I've enjoyed all the academics; my whole college experience. I especially appreciate all the friends I've made here. Basically, I've found out what you put into it is what you get out of it," Dirk emphasized. Dirk earned two degrees at Mount Olive College, a bachelor of arts in religion and a bachelor of science in psychology.

The van der Plases had returned in January on furlough to North Carolina once again, and Willem took courses at MOC, finishing requirements for a bachelor of arts degree in religion. "I feel this is one of the services of the College," said Willem, "because in Europe they will recognize this degree, and maybe later on I can do more because I have it."

Both men have definite plans for the future.

Dirk hopes to do graduate studies in psychology and then teach. "I want to teach overseas and continue with religious studies where I teach," he said. "I'm thinking about going into the mission field, and I want to gain some life experiences first."

Willem and Lydia will be making a big move. "On the 28th of June, we will go to Greece to work with Eastern European Christians who have asked for assistance," said Willem. "We will train people in all facets of church work—Sunday School leaders, youth leaders, church leaders. My goal is to train trainers so they can take over the work themselves."

In eastern North Carolina or in the far reaches of the world, Mount Olive College touches people through its students—through men like Willem and Dirk van der Plas.

### **SUMMER SCHOOL SESSION B SET**

There is still time to take advantage of Summer School at Mount Olive College. Session B is set for June 24 through July 26, and students may register now or at the first day of the course. Classes will meet Monday through Friday.

Summer School offers high school graduates the opportunity to get a head start on their college program. MOC students and those from other colleges and universities are encouraged to enroll, and public school teachers and "non-traditional" students are

also welcome.

It is possible to complete as many as 12 semester hours through MOC's two, five-week Summer School sessions. Six credit hours per session is considered a full load. Mount Olive is a fully-accredited four-year college and credit earned is transferable to other institutions.

### **SESSION B TIMES AND CLASSES**

8:00-9:50 a.m.

Human Behavior, General Chemistry II, British Literature I, Western Civilization I, II

10:00-11:50 a.m.

Introduction to Business, Business and Economic Math, Principles of Economics II, Public Speaking, American History I, II, Calculus I, Racquetball, and Introduction to Old Testament

12:00 noon-1:50 p.m.

Statistics, College Algebra, Structures of Math, and American Government Available by special arrangement Supervised Ministry and Field Training (Recreation Program)

To receive a schedule of classes and fees and an application form, contact Dianne B. Riley, Director of Admissions, The Admissions Office, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365; telephone (919) 658-2502.

### **THE MINISTRY THAT IS MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE**

K. David Hines  
*Director of Education for  
Christian Ministries*

I love to teach. While I feel that each day of class is important, the last day is critical. During that last lecture, I seek to tie the knot on the class, to leave that last impression. This is how I end my New Testament classes:

What have we done this semester? We have told "The Story." Soon after being baptized in the Jordan River, Jesus began telling stories—parables He called them. He told us how to get along with each other through the story of a "good" Samaritan. He told of God's love by relating a story of a forgiving father and a prodigal son. He told us about the Kingdom by comparing it to a mustard seed and a valuable pearl. Then they killed Jesus.

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But death could not hold Him. The story continues.

The apostles continued telling the story, the story of Jesus—of His life, death, and Resurrection. As they told this story, lives were changed.

For almost 2,000 years, believers have been telling the story. The story still lives. Lives are still being changed. Jesus still lives.

"Tell me the story of Jesus. Write on my heart every word. Tell me the story most precious, sweetest that ever was heard."

I view my work at your College as the way that I am living out my calling to the ministry. Through work with ministerial students and through leading workshops in our churches, I seek to help equip others for the work of ministry. I feel good that somewhere down the road a student may be a more effective pastor, or that laypersons may be better equipped to witness. Still, I often find myself keeping busy with the work and forgetting the impact that God is allowing me to have on young men and women.

Students come to Mount Olive with a variety of religious backgrounds. Some have a positive understanding of the faith, while others have no real understanding of Christianity. Each of these students presents a unique ministry opportunity.

Our students are required to take two courses in religion in order to graduate. Most meet these requirements through taking surveys of the Old and New Testaments. I am very direct to my students regarding my purpose in teaching these classes. From an academic perspective, I seek to introduce my students to the literature of the Hebrew people and of the Early Church. On exams, I grade how well they have learned this material.

For me, however, this academic purpose tells only part of the story. My primary purpose is to introduce my students to God. In the Old Testament, we meet God—the One who created the world, who called Abraham, who gave the Law, who promised

to send the Messiah. In the New Testament, we learn that the promises of God were fulfilled in Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Son of Man. I tell my students, "I will see how well I have accomplished this purpose five or ten years from now—when you are pastors, deacons, youth leaders, and Sunday School teachers."

Sometimes I am more fortunate.

Sometimes I can see the results of this unique ministry more immediately. In New Testament class this spring, I had a senior who graduated May 11. She worked herself through college by managing her own business. She also had primary responsibility for a grandmother in poor health. Through conversations with her, I learned that she was trying to sort out what it meant to be a Christian. A number of negative church experiences had left her with more questions than answers.

On my final exam in New Testament, I usually include the following major essay question: "In light of your knowledge of the New Testament, respond to the question, 'Who is Jesus Christ?'" While I normally read a number of very fine essays, the response of this young woman especially touched me. The following is a portion of her response to this question:

Jesus faces all that we face and feels what we feel. This past semester I have been subject to an ill grandmother—and I know that without His guidance, love, and comfort, I could not get through this. I feel His presence around me, and this is the greatest comfort I have ever experienced. I have faith in the fact that Jesus knows what is best. His judgment is the authority, and I believe and trust Him.

After reading portions of the Bible, I have begun to understand that being a true Christian is having Jesus by your side, trusting Him, and living a true and meaningful life. I pray with my grandmother daily and it makes her smile. That truly is a comfort.

I have two requests. First, please accept our gratitude. Free

Will Baptists have given very generously, some even sacrificially, to support this ministry. It is the generosity of you good people that makes this ministry possible.

Second, continue to support this ministry with your prayers. The challenge of providing a Christian higher education is tremendous. Our task is not simply to help our students earn a degree. Our task is to help them prepare for life. It is my conviction that true life can only be found in a relationship with Jesus Christ. Pray that we continue to prepare our students for life in Jesus Christ.

### **OPPORTUNITY AT MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE**

Mount Olive College has a vacancy for a Christian man, woman, or married couple to serve as a resident director(s) of an apartment complex which houses approximately fifty (50) students. Duties would include maintaining College policies and counseling students.

This position is an excellent opportunity for a mature individual or married couple who would like to further his/her/their education.

The director will be provided a furnished two-bedroom apartment and given free tuition. Work will begin in August. (No pets will be permitted.)

Interested persons are invited to send a written resume by June 20 to Mr. Al Warrick, Dean of Students, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365. Information should include:

Name, date of birth, marital status, previous education, employment experiences, church membership, personal and business references, address, and phone number(s). An interview will be required.



## FREE WILL BAPTIST STUDENTS SHINE ON AWARDS DAY AT MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Recognizing our students for their outstanding achievement and service is a tradition at Mount Olive College. Awards were presented this year during a special program in College Hall, and the recipients, their families, and faculty members enjoyed a luncheon following the ceremony. Several Free Will Baptist students received awards for their accomplishments.

**Tracy A. McCoy**, a member of Core Creek Church, Craven County, received the Freshman of the Year Award for her scholarship, leadership, and extracurricular activities. Miss McCoy is the first recipient of the award, which was established to honor an outstanding freshman. The award is sponsored by the Mount Olive College faculty. She is the daughter of Scottie and Shearin McCoy and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Woodrow McCoy of Cove City. Woodrow McCoy serves as a Mount Olive College Trustee.

**Lenwood Earl "Len" Smith II** of New Bern, a member of Saint Mary's Church, Craven County, received the Henderson Science Club Award for his outstanding contribution to the Mount Olive College Science Department. Smith, a rising senior, is a biology major.

**L. Frank Lawhon Jr.** of Smithfield, a member of Tee's Chapel Church, Johnston County, received the Henderson Science Club Award for the student who has conducted the best research. Lawhon is a biology major and a member of the class of 1991.

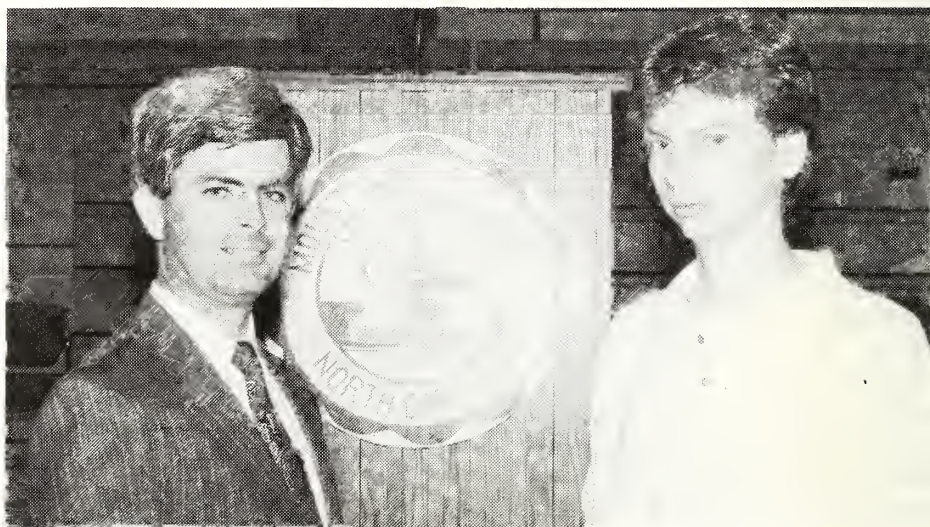
**Donald Randolph "Randy" Cobb**, a member of Dilda's Grove Church, Pitt County, and **David B. Benninghoff**, a member of Core Creek Church, Craven County, were co-recipients of the Free Will Baptist Ministerial Award. This award is presented each year by the Ministerial Association of



Tracy McCoy, center, holds the Freshman of the Year Award. With Miss McCoy are Dr. K. David Hines, director of Church Ministries; and Linda S. Kraft, director of Advisement, who made the presentation.



Len Smith II, second from right, received the Henderson Science Club Award from Willis A. Brown, chair, Department of Science and Mathematics, right. With the men are Tracy McCoy, Freshman of the Year Award winner; and Linda S. Kraft, director of Advisement. Both Miss McCoy and Smith are from Craven County.



Randy Cobb, right is co-recipient of the Free Will Baptist Ministerial Award. Presenting the award is Dr. K. David Hines, professor of Religion.





Frank Lawhon Jr., left, receives a Henderson Science Club Award from Willis A. Brown, chair, Department of Science and Mathematics (photos by Patti O'Donoghue).

Original Free Will Baptists to outstanding ministerial students.

Cobb, a rising junior at MOC, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Cobb of Mount Olive. He is a religion major.

Benninghoff, who works with the youth program at Westside Church in Lenoir County, is majoring in church ministries. He is married to Theresa Benninghoff.

### MARSHALS

College marshals, who are chosen in the spring of each year, were named during the awards ceremony. Those selected have the highest cumulative grade point averages with no grade below a C on all work attempted. Marshals are appointed for a one-year term. These outstanding students participate in official College events such as convocations and graduation. Two Free Will Baptists were named as 1991-92 marshals.

**Tanya L. Merritt**, a member of Northeast Church, Wayne County, is the daughter of Jimmy and Jeanie Merritt of Mount Olive. She is a rising senior majoring in recreation/leisure services.

**Lenwood Earl "Len" Smith II** of New Bern, a member of Saint

Mary's Church, Craven County, is a rising senior and a biology major.

### MICHELE JACKSON MOSLEY SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT ESTABLISHED AT MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Jackson, members of Lee's Chapel Church, Dunn, have established the Michele Jackson Mosley Scholarship Endowment at Mount Olive College. The endowment is named in loving memory of the Jacksons' daughter, Michele, who died September 5, 1990, at the age of 24.

The family established the endowment in order that Michele's name may be a perpetual remembrance of the joy she brought to her family and many friends. Income from the endowment will be used to provide scholarships for students, based on financial need.

Gifts may be made to the endowment at any time. Family and friends who wish to do so may contact Jean F. Ackiss, director of

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### HICKORY CHAPEL LADIES VISIT CHILDREN'S HOME



Loni Bays, Becky Jo Sumner, Joann Slaughter, Sandy and Heather White, and Anne Dilday.

Shown are JoAnn Slaughter, Sandy White, Becky Jo Sumner, Heather White and Ann Dilday presenting a homemade porch swing to Deans Cottage from the Sudie May Woman's Auxiliary of Hickory Chapel Church in Ahoskie. The ladies visited the Children's Home on Saturday, April 27, 1991, and enjoyed a tour of the campus with Loni Bays, a social worker at the Home.





Michele Jackson Mosley

Church Support, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, NC 28365; (919) 658-2502.

### WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

Announced earlier in the year, those named to WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES were also recognized during the Awards Day program. These students were selected as outstanding leaders at Mount Olive College. Their nominations for the 1991 edition were based on academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success. All of those named are members of the Class of 1991.

**Sherrie Glynn Martin**, a member of Shady Grove Church, Sampson County, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Martin Jr., Dunn. Ms. Martin received a bachelor of science degree in business management. Her father serves as a member of the MOC Board of Trustees.

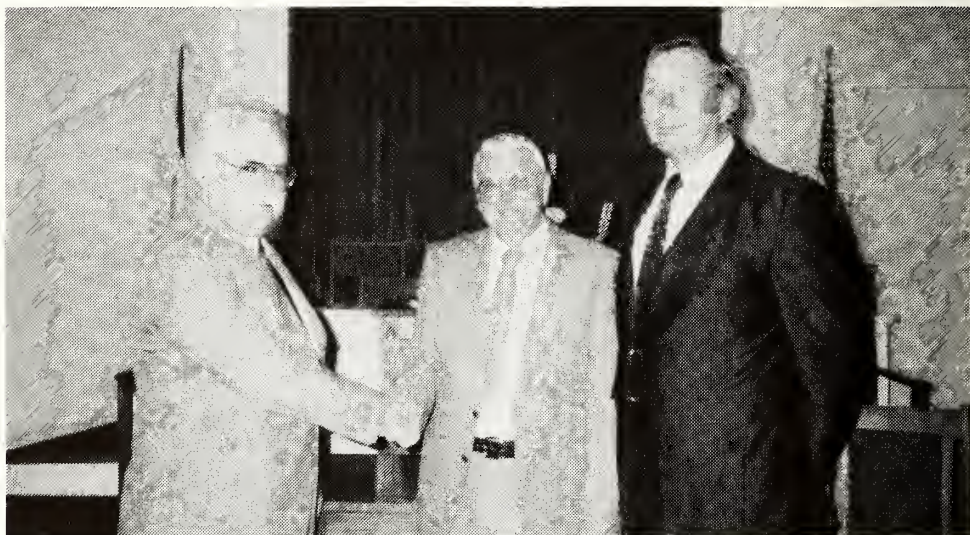
**Jean Craddock Pittman**, a member of Harmony Church, Wilson County, is the granddaughter of Betty Pittman of Wilson. Ms. Pittman received a bachelor of science degree in psychology.

**Dirk L. van der Plas** is a member of Arapahoe Church, Pamlico County. His parents, Lydia and Willem van der Plas, are Free Will Baptist mis-

sionaries. Dirk received a bachelor of arts degree in religion and psychology.

**Pamela Swinson Viverette** is a member of Harmony Church, Wilson County. She is married to Roy Viverette, Jr., and the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Harold Swinson. Mr. Swinson is pastor at Harmony Church. Mrs. Viverette received a bachelor of arts degree in English.

### DUDLEY AND HANSLEY MEET WITH PAUL PALMER CONFERENCE



The Rev. Bruce Dudley, chairman of the Home Missions and Evangelism Board, shakes hands with the Rev. Paul Irvin, while the Rev. Wayne Sheffield stands by. Mr. Irvin is pastor of Bethlehem and White Pond Churches; Mr. Sheffield is Moderator of the Paul Palmer Fellowship Conference and pastor of Jakin Church. The Georgia Free Will Baptist Churches who are members of this conference work with the Home Missions Board. In particular, they support the mission work located in St. Cloud, Florida.



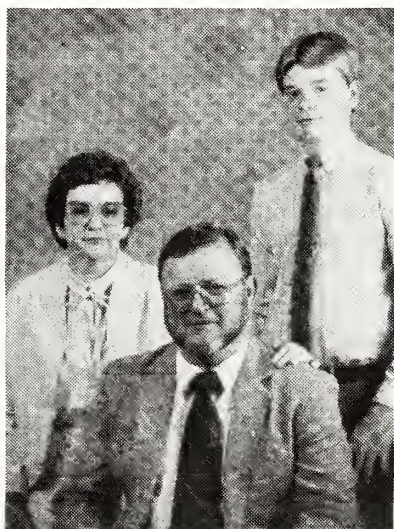
For over a year now, eight-year-old Kydie Sheffield has been saving money for Home Missions. She gave it to the Rev. David C. Hansley, executive director of the Home Missions and Evangelism ministry, during his recent trip to Georgia.



# SPECIAL INVITATION TO ALL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

From the  
Board of Foreign Missions

JOIN US ON THREE SPECIAL DAYS IN JUNE



## JUNE 6

**Fred, Linda and Stevie Baker** will arrive in North Carolina at the Raleigh-Durham Airport at 6:41 p.m., American Airlines Flight #186.

**Come and welcome the Bakers home.** Since they have decided not to return to the Philippines, this will be their final homecoming. Let's show them how much we appreciate them and their years of ministry in the Philippines.

## JUNE 7

A **Commissioning Service** will be held at **Stoney Creek Church** at 7:30 p.m. for the **Grubbs and van der Plas families**. We want this to be a beautiful and blessed occasion, when people from all over our denomination come together to express support for our missionaries and the new field. **Please come! Your presence will make this service complete.**



## JUNE 28

**Willem and Lydia van der Plas** will depart for **Eastern Europe** via American Airlines Flight #608 at 2:06 p.m. I am sure you will want to see them off. This will surely be a special day for Free Will Baptists as these missionaries enter this new field of labor. Plan to be at the airport at least one hour ahead of departure so you will have time to greet them.



PLEASE MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR AND  
ATTEND THESE SPECIAL EVENTS.



## CHILDREN FOR CHRIST

by Diosdado R. Manzano



The Sunday School Department of the Free Will Baptist Church Philippines is focusing its attention on the spiritual needs of the little ones. Proverbs 22:6 reveals the following truth, "Train up a child in the way he should go: And when he is old, he will not depart from it." Children rarely receive anyone's attention to their need of salvation. They are so easily overlooked and neglected, in terms of their spiritual welfare.

Christ's death on the Cross and the shedding of His blood brings redemption to anyone who will put his trust in Him. Children are a vital part of those whom Christ died for. According to Romans 10:17, they must hear about Christ from the Word of God before they can have faith in Him.

The Sunday School Department conducted three seminars and workshops for Sunday School teachers, and also for parents. The theme was: "How to Win Children for Christ." The lecturers and workshop leaders were graduating students from an organization called the "Philippine Children's Bible Crusade" and myself.

The first seminar and workshop was held at the Puerto Princesa Free Will Baptist Church on November 5-10. There

were fifteen teachers and mothers registered. Some mothers even brought their babies with them. In spite of bad weather following the killer typhoon "Ruping," the participants were faithful in their attendance and participation in the workshops. During the seminar, I noticed a certain mother who was crying while listening to the lectures. After the session, she shared her testimony of how she was touched and blessed by the Holy Spirit. Now, she felt a burden for her four children and realized the plight of those untrained and lost children. Others gave their testimonies of how they had received new insight and hope for the salvation of their little ones. I could see on their faces, especially the parents, a new hope and courage for their children to be a part of Christ's kingdom.

The second seminar and workshop was conducted in Abo-Abo Free Will Baptist Church on November 26-30. Abo-Abo is about 80 miles south of Puerto Princesa City, in the southern part of Palawan. Fifteen participants registered and most of them were parents.

The third seminar and workshop was held at Charity Free Will Baptist Church in Itangil, Dumarán, Palawan, on December 26-January 3, 1991. Itangil is about 44 miles north of Puerto Princesa City, in the northern part of Palawan. Nine people registered for the events. During this seminar and workshop, we were a bit lonely because we were far from our loved ones during Christmas and New Year. Some coworkers said that I was supposed to be with my wife during Christmas. Some probably thought that I did not love my wife very much, which is certainly not true. But since I entered into the partnership with God, I gave up all my rights to Him. There are times when God desires to test our priorities in life. We must love God above anything or anyone else. We must

demonstrate the urgency of the calling and realize the ripeness of the harvest.

Please pray for the Sunday School classes of all the Free Will Baptist Churches that they will be really empowered by God to bring souls to Christ, especially the children.

## THEOLOGICAL MEETING

by Fred Baker

Missionaries Fred and Linda Baker had the joy of attending the annual meeting of the Philippine Association for Theological Education by Extension, PAFTEE.

Wednesday, February 20, we made the three hour flight from Puerto Princesa to Cebu City. The meeting began at 8 a.m. on the 21st and concluded at 5 p.m. on the 22nd. We met at the Good Shepherd Guest House in Banawa, Cebu City. The Good Shepherd Guest House is on a mountaintop overlooking Cebu City.

Twenty-five educators from various parts of the Philippines gathered to share reports of what God is doing through theological education by extension, to share new books and literature, and to share new creative ways for theological education for the Philippines.

PAFTEE in the Philippines seeks to make theological training available to three groups within the church. The first group targeted is composed by those seeking to be full-time pastors and church planters. The members of the second group are those seeking to be lay pastors, church planters and Sunday School teachers. The third group includes every believer who is seeking to fulfill his God-given ministry of reconciliation. Training is arranged to meet the needs of each group, but each group shares the common theological goals of developing a Christian world-view, Christian character and Christian servanthood.

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The meetings were a blessing and an encouragement. We also enjoyed the opportunity to worship on Sunday with the Cebu FWB Fellowship, the Rev. Ludgerio Malinao and his family.

### LAYMAN'S LEAGUE COMING EVENTS

- June 1 Layman's League  
Spiritual Life Retreat,  
Eagles' Nest
- June 3 Central Conference  
Layman's League,  
Aspen Grove, 7 p.m.
- October 5 State Layman's  
League Singspiration,  
Eagles' Nest

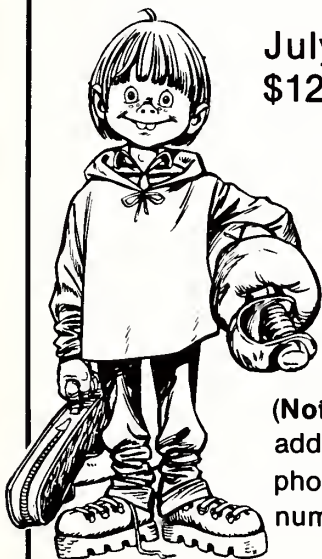
## ATTENTION, AFCers . . .

### Youth Frontier Conference/AFC Week

The Rev. Doug Skinner,  
director  
817 Lynn Road  
Durham, NC 27703  
(919) 596-2456

July 8-13  
\$125

(Note: New  
address and  
phone  
number.)



## CAMP VANDEMERE WOMAN'S CONFERENCE

THEME: "Potpourri"

SCRIPTURE: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.

**Check-In:** Monday 10 a.m. (Gates and doors will not open until 9 a.m.) **Check-out** Friday 10 a.m.

The time for Christian camping will soon be here. We want to invite you to join us this summer during the **Camp Vandemere Woman's Conference**. Our theme for the week will be: **"Potpourri."**

Each Auxiliary is urged to elect a Woman of the Year and to send her to camp. Each Woman of the Year will be honored during a special service on Monday evening. (Women of the Year not present at that time will be honored on whichever day they attend.) If your Woman of the Year cannot attend for any day, send in her letter of recognition and she will be recognized.

We hope you can come for the entire week. If not, we would like to have you as an overnight or day camper. Many of our working ladies find this more feasible for their schedule. We have an exciting program planned with Bible study, music, arts and crafts, denominational interests and lots more. Our speakers will be discussing characteristics of an effective Christian in our society today. Come and join the fellowship of Christian Camping.

Yours in Christ,  
Mary Dudley,  
Director/Registrar

### REGISTRATION FORM

JUNE 24-28

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Church and Conference: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### DAY-CAMPERS ONLY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
B - L - D	B - L - D	B - L - D	B - L - D

**PLEASE** circle days you plan to attend and meals you desire. (Day-camper fees are: Breakfast \$2.50, lunch \$3, dinner \$3.50 and overnight \$5.)

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**Camp Fees** are: \$55 for the week. Registration fee is \$10, with the balance due upon arrival. Send registration forms and fees to:

Mary M. Dudley  
Route 1, Box 430  
Deep Run, NC 28525  
Telephone: (919) 568-3311

**NOTE:** Please call and let us know if you have a group coming in for the day, so we can prepare extra meals.

Thank you!



## AVENUES OF SERVICE: THE MINISTRY OF CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY “The Free Will Baptist Mountain”



*by De Wayne Eakes*

Nestled on the slopes of Mount Allen near Black Mountain, North Carolina, is “The Free Will Baptist Mountain,” Cragmont Assembly. You know it as the location of our denomination’s “Spiritual Retreat Center” for young people of all ages. Going to Cragmont is “going to camp” for scores of Original Free Will Baptists every year.

“Christian camping within the North Carolina Original Free Will Baptist Church did not begin with Cragmont Assembly. In the late thirties, young people (through the Sunday School and League Conventions) rented Camp Leach, an Episcopal camp, on the Pamlico River near Washington, North Carolina. Later when the camp was no longer available, due to the Episcopalians who owned it having a full schedule all summer (1944), we were forced to look elsewhere.”<sup>1</sup>

“The Revs. J. B. Spencer and James Evans were charged with finding a camp to lease, rent or buy. Several sites were considered and found unsuitable. At this point, I believe the hand of Providence is discernible! These men were advised to look in the mountains of western North Carolina. In 1945, a portion of the YMCA Camp, Blue Ridge Assembly, Black Mountain, North Carolina, was rented for 125 campers. While there, the Rev. W. L. Moretz of Swannanoa told our ministers about ‘Craigmont,’ then an abandoned private sanatorium, and our group of leaders went to look at it late one night.

Among those I remember who were at Blue Ridge were: The Revs. Henry Melvin, R. P. Harris, C. F. Bowen, the Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Ballard, the Rev. and Mrs. E. G. Holland, and the Rev. Willey, missionary to Cuba. They took the stand that we ought to buy it . . .”<sup>2</sup>

After meeting with the Central Committee (Assembly Grounds Committee) an option to buy within three months was taken by the Assembly Grounds Committee for \$500. “The price of the option was paid from the ‘Dime Bank Fund.’ Dime banks were furnished to the Sunday Schools of the



state and one dime per Sunday was to be deposited for the camp. The credit for the Dime Bank idea is due to the Rev. Raymond Sasser."<sup>3</sup>

A major fund-raising campaign was begun immediately. Ten captains were appointed to raise the \$10,000 required to purchase the property. Each captain was responsible for raising \$1,000. The captains were Mr. Fountain Taylor Sr., the Rev. R. B. Spencer, Mrs. L. E. Ballard, the Rev. Rashie Kennedy, Mrs. J. C. Moye, Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Mrs. N. E. Harris, the Rev. R. P. Harris, the Rev. Henry Melvin, and Mr. Robert Godley. Mr. Fountain Taylor Sr. raised the highest amount of \$1,502.17. The campaign was a complete success; and in 1945, the North Carolina Original Free Will Baptists became owners of 115 acres (six cleared) on the slopes of Mount Allen (at the time of purchase the buildings alone on the property were appraised in excess of \$15,000).

The stated purpose for Cragmont Assembly Grounds according to the fund-raising campaign was fourfold. "The Cragmont Assembly Grounds will be used: *first*, for the Sunday Schools and Leagues to hold summer camps each year for recreation, Bible study, institute work and revival services; *second*, it will be used as a gathering place for Woman's Auxiliary camps, conventions, Bible study and recreation; *third*, the ministers will use it for assemblies and conferences, Bible institutes, district assemblies and conferences from time to time; *fourth*, it will be used also for the entertainment of those who wish to spend a week or so, when it is not otherwise occupied, for a vacation in the mountains for rest and recreation." In stating the purpose of Cragmont Assembly, the Rev. Raymond T. Sasser coined the motto, "Instruction, Inspiration, and Recreation," which has subsequently been adopted as the motto for Cragmont Assembly, Inc.

The government of Cragmont Assembly is unique in our denomination. Our four statewide conventions share equally in its governance. The State Sunday School Convention, State League Convention, State Women's Auxiliary Convention, and the Convention of Churches elect three "stockholders" each to the Cragmont Board of Stockholders. In the annual Board of Stockholders meeting, the manager is hired, petitions for weeks of encampment are approved, and the Board of Stockholders elects six persons to form a Board of Directors for the Assembly for the ensuing year. A treasurer is elected who may or may not be a member of the Board of Stockholders.

Cragmont was officially purchased in 1945; the first encampments were held the following year in 1946. The Woman's Auxiliary Convention conducted the first encampment June 30—July 6, 1946. The League Convention, Sunday School Convention and ministers held their first conferences that same

year. The net profit after the first year of operation was \$9.22 (this was after spending \$9,000 for repairs and salaries)! The total assets of the Assembly (according to the 1946 audit prepared by Raymond T. Sasser) were \$24,366.67. According to an appraisal reported to the February 23, 1980, Board of Directors meeting, the value of our buildings alone mounted to \$694,520! A major portion of that is, of course, the new building.

In the mid 1950s, the nine-unit motel complex was constructed. In 1964, the cottage behind the motel was purchased from the Rev. Johnny Floyd. In the late 1960s, a five-stage development program was adopted while the Board was under the leadership of the Rev. Cedric Pierce. In 1971, the first stage of that program was initiated under the leadership of the Rev. Adrian Grubbs, which consisted of the construction of two dormitory units sleeping up to 80 persons each. In 1974-75, the much needed kitchen-dining hall was constructed. In 1977, the old main building was torn down, and 1978-79 saw the completion of the new main building. Built under the leadership of the Rev. Willis Wilson, the new building houses a large chapel-assembly room. The construction of this building completed stages three and four of the planned development program. The fifth and final stage of the planned development program is the improving and broadening of our recreational facilities.

Cragmont's physical growth is very significant. A very good record for so few years! But this institution's greatest contribution is found in the effects of its ministry on the lives of the Free Will Baptists (and others) in North Carolina. (One major contribution Cragmont has made to our denomination is that it housed Mount Allen Junior College, now Mount Olive College.) Ministers have responded affirmatively to the "call of the gospel ministry" either at Cragmont or due to the influence of an encampment there. Some have been led to pursue a ministry as missionaries. Many hundreds, even thousands of men, women, boys and girls have come to Cragmont and gone home more inspired, more determined, and more committed to the service of God through the local church and the Original Free Will Baptist denomination of North Carolina.

Truly Cragmont's greatest historical and future value is to be found in the lives that are changed, inspired and enriched by this mountaintop ministry. It is my firm conviction that Cragmont's greatest history and service remain in the unwritten pages of the future!

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<sup>1</sup>The Rev. James A. Evans, Letter of February 25, 1971.

<sup>2</sup>Ralph Barnes, Letter of October 25, 1979.

<sup>3</sup>Fountain Taylor Sr., Letter of February 25, 1972. (All of the footnoted materials are on deposit with a collection of Cragmont materials in the "Free Will Baptist Historical Collection," Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina.)



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## THE MAN BEHIND THE PROGRAM

### THE REV. JOHN R. WILLIAMS

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"All of us who are involved with ministry have the desire to make a difference in our world and in people's lives. We are not likely to make a difference on some grand scale. However, by making even some small contribution to our world and people, we *do* make a difference.

"I take very seriously the answer Jesus gave to the Pharisees when asked what the greatest commandment was. He said, 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind . . . And the second is like unto it, thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself' (Matthew 22:36-39).

"This command from our Lord is the basis for all my ministry. Through Cragmont, I have the opportunity to fill this command of serving Lord and neighbor, *and* to make a difference. Through conferences and retreats, the ministry of Cragmont is one of teaching people to live a Christian life" (John Williams).

Serving at the helm of a ministry like Cragmont Assembly provides Camp Manager John Williams an opportunity to serve God and people. It allows him to minister and teach others to do the same. While most of his time is not given to teaching Bible study sessions to young campers, he can do so. While he often does not have time to meet each camper who travels to Cragmont personally, he comes to know many during their short time together.

John was born on September 18, 1952, in Morehead City, NC, to John R. and Arnette Williams. After graduating from West



John, Arlinda, Alison, and Daniel.

Carteret High School, he attended Mount Olive College and Barton (Atlantic Christian College), graduating from both. He has also taken some courses at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

John began serving as manager at Cragmont in 1980. Prior to accepting that post, he served as pastor to the congregations of King's Cross Roads Church, Farmville, 1973-75; and Milbourne Church, Wilson, 1975-79.

At present, he is a Wolf Laurel Ski Patroller and a member of Owen Optimist Club, serving as president in 1989.

John is married to Arlinda Wilson Williams, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wilson, Vanceboro. A graduate of New Bern High School and Mount Olive College, she does volunteer work with the Girl Scouts and at Black Mountain Middle School, also hav-

ing volunteered at Black Mountain Primary School. Arlinda invests much of her time and energy in the ministry at Cragmont. She ably assists John in the direction of the facility.

John and Arlinda have one daughter, Alison Angela. Born on April 2, 1979, twelve-year-old Alison is presently a sixth grader at Black Mountain Middle School. She is a member of the Junior Beta Club and has been a Girl Scout for five years. She also has participated in gymnastics and the Black Mountain Primary Players.

A very important part of the Williams family is seven year old Daniel Wiggs. While Daniel is not John and Arlinda's biological son, he spends a lot of time with them and is a significant member of the Cragmont family. Born November 21, 1983, Daniel is in the first grade at Black Mountain Primary School. At present, his





Teela, Phyllis, Lora, and Gollie.

claim to fame is playing first base for the Black Mountain Dodgers T-Ball team.

Another important member of the Cragmont family is Phyllis Connor Stone, who serves as secretary, an all-encompassing title and job. Phyllis was born October 4, 1950, in Old Fort, NC, to Dewey and Florence Connor. After graduating from Old Fort High School, she attended Cecil's Business College in Asheville. Her career has taken her from Memorial Mission Hospital and Mountain View Baptist Church (as a part-time secretary) to Cragmont.

Phyllis was married to Wayne Sidney Stone, who died in August 1990. She has three children: Gollie, Tella and Lora. A member of Mountain View Baptist Church, Phyllis is involved in many church activities. She also does volunteer work for the Pisgah Girl School Council.

John directs the Cragmont management team in a way only he could. He serves and ministers in a way which is usually behind the scenes. But isn't that truly characteristic of a real servant of God? Free Will Baptists are privileged to have John, Arlinda and Phyllis at Cragmont. They enjoy serving people—and they love serving God.

### A SPECIAL CONCERN

Of utmost importance to the Cragmont staff at this time is the retirement of the debt at Crag-



mont. Concerning this John wrote, "Retiring Cragmont's debt means that the door to growth and improvement can open. It means that when people make suggestions about services we can offer and improvements we need to make in our facility, we can consider them. Debt retirement means that everything else won't have to 'sit on the back burner' while we struggle to meet the annual payment.

"Cragmont is one of our denomination's oldest ministries. Yet, it is amazing how many people in our churches really have no concept of this ministry. Since the original property was purchased in 1945, many lives have been changed through attending the conferences and retreats held

here. Cragmont is a vital arm of the Free Will Baptist denomination. We serve an important purpose. Retiring the debt means we can seek other ways to serve our people and serve them better."

Three ways Free Will Baptists are encouraged to assist Cragmont are (1) through their local church, (2) through the Cragmont Club, and (3) participation in the Jubilee fund-raising efforts.

Church contributions provide a significant amount of support for the camp and its program. Churches are encouraged to make the camp a line item in their budget. Special offerings are also appreciated.

Sometimes churches do not give to Cragmont because they are unfamiliar with the ministry. Contact the staff at Cragmont and they will provide information, slides, and/or a personal presentation. The mailing address of the camp is as follows: Cragmont Assembly, 1233 North Fork Road, Black Mountain, NC 28711; the phone number is (704) 669-7677.

The Cragmont Club and the Jubilee Fund are two means by which individuals, families, groups, organizations and auxiliaries can provide financial assistance to Cragmont. See pages 20-21 for information about these programs.

## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE 1991

### JUNE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

June 10-15  
Mrs. Alice Barrow  
Route 2, Box 375  
Snow Hill, NC 28580  
(919) 747-3688

### MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

June 17-20  
Phillip Boykin  
Route 5, Box 177  
Dunn, NC 28334  
(919) 892-8360

### CHRISTIAN CADET

June 24-29  
Gary Bailey  
112 Crosswinds Drive  
Goldsboro, NC 27530  
(919) 735-3916

### YOUTH FRONTIER (YFA)

July 1-8  
Scott and Janie Sowers  
Route 1, Box 106-E  
Farmville, NC 27828  
(919) 753-4260

### YOUTH FRONTIER (AFC)

July 8-13  
Doug Skinner  
817 Lynn Road  
Durham, NC 27703  
(919) 596-2456

### GENERAL YOUTH II

July 15-20  
Chris Singleton  
Box 182  
Beaufort, NC 28518  
(919) 298-3520

### GENERAL YOUTH I

July 22-27  
Bryant Hines  
Box 266  
Cove City, NC 28523  
(919) 633-2683

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S BIBLE

July 29—August 3  
James Gurganus  
Route 3, Box 64  
Newport, NC 28570  
(919) 223-5251

### AUGUST WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

August 5-10  
Mrs. Alice Barrow  
Route 2, Box 375  
Snow Hill, NC 28580  
(919) 747-3688

### FALL LIMITED EDITION

October 14-17  
Cragmont Assembly  
1233 North Fork Road  
Black Mountain, NC 28711  
(704) 669-7677

### CRAGMONT CLUB I

October 18-20  
Cragmont Assembly  
1233 North Fork Road  
Black Mountain, NC 28711  
(704) 669-7677

### CRAGMONT CLUB II

October 25-27  
Cragmont Assembly  
1233 North Fork Road  
Black Mountain, NC 28711  
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*Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubile to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land. And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubile unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family. A jubile shall that fiftieth year be unto you: ye shall not sow, neither reap that which groweth of itself in it, nor gather the grapes in it of thy vine undressed. For it is the jubile; it shall be holy unto you: ye shall eat the increase thereof out of the field. In the year of this jubile ye shall return every man unto his possession (Leviticus 25:9-13).*

# YEAR OF JUBILEE

To the followers of God in the Old Testament, there was a Year of Jubilee, a year of redemption, a year to rejoice in the fact that all men were "debt free." During the "fiftieth year" in the cycle of years, the Israelites were to be freed of any debt against them. The lands, cattle, or members of the family that had been indentured by borrowing from another person, were returned to the original owner. Then the fifty-year cycle would begin again. Thus, every fifty years the original owners were given their land, cattle or members of their family back.

Cragmont was officially purchased and plans were made to raise \$10,000 to pay for this land in August 1945. In August 1995, Free Will Baptists will have had the property for fifty years.

**Let's make 1995 our "Year of Jubilee" for Cragmont.** This can easily be done if you will join hundreds of other individuals, churches, and organizations over our state by giving \$1,000 to pay the present indebtedness. This is a period of five years. Your gift will help Cragmont become debt free.

Plans are being made and will be announced later for a "Year of Jubilee" celebration to be held during the year 1995. Join your Cragmont Board now and be a part of this year of rejoicing for a "DEBT-FREE" Cragmont in 1995.



## CRAGMONT YEAR OF JUBILEE GIFT/PLEDGE CARD

Celebrating 50 Years of Ministry

at

Cragmont Assembly, Inc.

1233 North Fork Road

Black Mountain, North Carolina 28711

YES, you can count on me (us) to help Cragmont become *Debt Free* by 1995. I (we) hereby pledge a gift of \$1,000 toward debt reduction for Cragmont. This will be payable as follows:

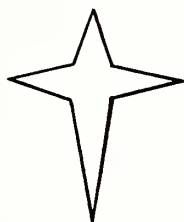
- \_\_\_\_ Check enclosed for the full amount (\$1,000)
- \_\_\_\_ \$200 per year, with first payment to be made on \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_ \$100 semiannually, with first payment to be made on \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_ \$ 50 quarterly, with first payment to be made on \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

# the cragmont club



### WHAT IS THE CRAGMONT CLUB?

- A group of interested and committed supporters of Cragmont Assembly.

### PURPOSE

- To create a feeling of ownership at the church member level.
- To bring the outstanding debt on the main building to a swift retirement.
- To create a cash flow with regularity.

### BENEFITS

- You will be a partner in the Cragmont ministry.
- Your family will receive certain cost reductions while visiting Cragmont.

### THE PLAN

- \$10.00/mo.—Free room and meals for immediate family for two days and nights/yr.

We do have a senior citizen plan. If interested, please let us know.

\*Cost reductions may not be used by participants of regularly scheduled conferences.

### HOW DO I JOIN?

- Please fill in the form below.
- Send your check to:  
Cragmont Assembly  
1233 North Fork Road  
Black Mountain, NC 28711  
Phone 704-669-7677

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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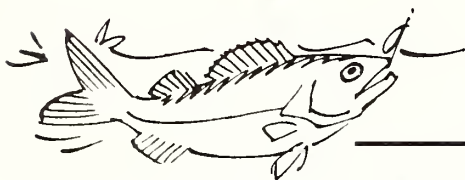


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# CAMP FOLLOW-UP

## and the CHURCH

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by Lloyd Mattson

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Almost everyone who enjoys fishing knows the frustration of bringing a really good fish right up to the boat only to lose it through inept handling of the landing net, or worse, no landing net! While I don't want to push the theology of this parable too far, I would suggest that preserving the work of the camp demands serious, consistent attention. The staunchest Calvinism brings little comfort to the camp leader who watches campers make spiritual commitments only to return to community life with no assurance that anyone will follow up.

The first step in follow-up is, of course, accurate, meaningful reporting by the camp to the church. A note on every camper is helpful, but someone at camp must identify responses that call for special attention, whether first-time decisions for salvation, or new commitments for growth or life service.

If you are not getting this kind of information, go to work on your camp leadership. Perhaps the counselors need instruction and forms for recording decisions.

Camp can become so much fun that we forget its deadly serious purpose. Come to think of it, this can happen in the church too.

### Follow-up: Who?

All campers appreciate recognition. Give them opportunity to report their experiences through a camp echo night, spot testimonies in the morning worship, a camp bulletin board with photos and camper quotes, a special edition of the church newsletter or Sunday bulletin, or perhaps a Sunday night rally at the close of the season—an excellent beginning to next year's camp promotion!

Certainly someone should zero in on every camper who makes a specific spiritual commitment. One reason camp decisions come so easily is that the campers know that nothing more will happen. The emotion of a campfire draws out responses that fade as the fire dies, leading some to claim that camp decisions are hollow.

No doubt some are. But if campers understood that decisions would be reported back home, and that someone would involve them in a growth program, commitments would be taken more seriously. Third and fourth generation Christians stand in

danger of playing games with the gospel, and we as leaders often are to blame.

### Follow-up: Who does it?

Ideally, each church will have a red-hot committee looking after everything. Practically, it will never be so. Most churches have one staff person: the pastor. Having been one of those for many years, I know about that. It is desperately hard to keep a clear perspective on ministry when one person must be the chief functionary in a church. To say that should not be does not solve the problem.

For better or worse—in many churches—the pastor must follow up spiritual commitments made at camp. To declare oneself too busy is to rip the netting out of the landing net!

Blessed is the pastor who can find someone to accept the calling from the Lord to become the camp follow-up specialist for the church. There's hardly any other way to get the job done. Perhaps some reader will sense God's call to fill this office.

Certainly Sunday School teachers, youth leaders, parents, and staff specialists will be involved, but without someone spearheading follow-up, not much will happen.

### Follow-up: How?

The church program is the logical answer. Often we create new activities to do a better job of what we're already doing. Prayer meetings, Bible classes, evangelism seminars—you name it. All sorts of high-powered programs are created because existing parallel programs seem to have lost their punch. Maybe there's no cure for that, but to the degree possible campers should be brought into the present church ministry to grow under the pastor's Bible teaching, to make friends in the Sunday School and youth program, and to learn witnessing and faith-sharing through activity already under way.

We hear the word *discipling* often, and discipline implies personal attention to growing Christians, young and old. The teacher-student relationship is adherent in the Word. Some person must relate to campers to bring about a deeper involvement in the



church. But if we think about the spiritual growth process, we will conclude that one-on-one is the only way for most people. A caring person is more important than a program. Most churches have discipleship materials. If not, a wealth of material exists; simple Bible studies to grow by.

### Follow-up: How long?

No formula can define how long a new Christian will need help. When the person is ready to disciple others, perhaps personal attention can be relaxed. One weakness in our Christian education strategy is the apparent lack of documental thought on what represents growth. How do we know when a young person understands the Word?

We rely on general observation, a sanctified gut feeling. That all is well, and it isn't bad. But probably it's not enough. Maybe someday we will come up with a graded, Bible Standard Achievement Test around which we can create instructional materials which would lend themselves to non-threatening testing. We might even come up with a list of questions a young person could study and answer. Sounds strangely like old-fashioned catechism!

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### Follow-up: Keep climbing!

Several summers ago I sat in a small circle in a poorly lit chapel in the Alaska back country. There was no way to that camp but by airplane! Three Indian girls had just written in their New Testaments: Today I received Jesus as my Saviour.

I knew they would return to homes unfriendly or indifferent to the gospel, and to a village without a missionary. I lay awake a long time that night, thinking and praying. In my mind I outlined a simple follow-up plan and called it *Keep Climbing!*

I keyed *Keep Climbing!* to the Bible studies presented during the camp week. I called for reflections on the camp in six brief, mail-back studies. I suggested that one person accept the job of *Keep Climbing!* counselor (rather than relying on individual counselors to follow through). We printed *Keep Climbing!* in a bright, 16-page format. This idea could be developed by any camp that has access to a copier or mimeo machine.

Some person in the church—particularly one who had been at camp—could serve as the follow-up counselor to review responses and encourage young campers to persevere through the lessons.

Some provision must be made for follow-up if we're serious about winning souls through camping.

Several times I've hit a stream or taken off in a boat without my landing net, only to watch sadly as a potential catch swam away in triumph. The fault was not with my fishing skill, but with my absence of equipment for holding the catch. Sometimes in camp the same sadness comes over me.



## 20 Ways to Build a Camping Church

1. Appoint a camp booster to keep enthusiasm high.
2. Place a camp bulletin board in a prominent place.
3. Feature camp testimonies at services through the year.
4. Follow every camp program with reports by campers.
5. Set up a camp barrel to collect funds for campers who need help.
6. Collect camp slides for a fellowship night program.
7. Invite the camp director to speak once a year.
8. Plan camp orientation trips for kids and families.
9. Promote camp work days in novel ways. (Chain saw on the platform?)
10. Screen outdoor and camp-related films occasionally.
11. Post camp dates and distribute camp literature early.
12. Post a camp honor roll: missionaries who made decisions at camp.
13. Adopt a mission camp in another country. There are hundreds of them in more than 50 countries.
14. Plan a church-wide outing at the camp fall or spring.
15. Put the camp on your missions budget, devote a missions day to camp.
16. Set a camper goal for the year, including retreats. (Ninety-one in '91 . . .?)
17. Sponsor underprivileged kids, retarded people, at camp.
18. Remember camp often in prayers from the pulpit.
19. Sell camp certificates to spread costs through the year.
20. Feature counselor training for teens and college youth in the Sunday School.



# THE GRAND DELUSION

by Marty McWilliams

As we contemplate the current *crisis in leadership* among Free Will Baptists, it occurs to me there are some very tangible factors we must consider. Any analysis of the church and its many relationships should reflect socio-economics, as well as, spiritual factors.

To begin with, we must view the present state of Free Will Baptists as transitional. With one hand, we cling to a tradition that passed from the scene alongside the family farm. With the other, we grasp at a confusing world of complex values.

Traditional worship and concepts of evangelism collide with the demands for relevancy of a grown-up *hippie* generation and their offspring. A history of *part-time* ministry runs headlong into a realization that successful ministry is a full-time venture. The simplicity of the nuclear family has yielded to a nation of individuals plagued with problems of a sort our ministerial predecessors could have never conceived. Like a person standing between two automobiles rushing toward one another, we are in danger of being crushed by the impact of opposing forces.

For individual churches to fulfill their collective mission, there must be competent leadership. We have focused for so long on the *charismatic* (understood in the real definition of the word as calling, giftedness, etc.) aspect of the ministry that we have neglected the *responsible* side.

We must deal with the reality that few young men are entering the ministry, and many who are there contemplate some other occupation. Has God stopped calling? Is this a phenomenon of human rebellion and disobedience?

Perhaps we should consider a third alternative, a rather pragmatic one. No one except religious professionals can appreciate the hardships of the occupation. Most who answer the call to the ministry of the Word are willing to sacrifice whatever is necessary. Sacrifice, however, demands meaning: there must be an adequate justification for sacrifice. The preservation of tradition is rarely sufficient. There must be a sense of mission; there must be a sense of purpose.

God certainly isn't dependent upon the talented and dynamic, but they are powerful tools in His hands. Who can argue with the credentials of Paul, for instance? With an insufficient stimulus to enter the professional ministry (that being a sense of mission), many talented men look elsewhere for job-satisfaction. Regardless of whether this is right or wrong, it is fact. The church must reevaluate its structure and purpose. Does the church exist to

please itself and conform to personal whims, or is Christ truly the head? Put another way, are we interested in mission or maintenance.

One point of sacrifice facing the minister is the matter of preparation. We often say the function of the pastor is more important than that of the physician. We really don't believe that! We want to go to a physician who has knowledge and expertise. If he is highly trained, the outrageous price he charges is accepted.

How much training does a pastor need? Think of it in these terms. If the physician is incompetent, you might lose your life. If the pastor is incompetent, you might lose your eternal soul. That tips the scales rather seriously, doesn't it? Education isn't everything, but ignorance isn't anything. There is simply no substitute for adequate training, and that means a classroom education.

How can a pastor justify years of education (four for a bachelors, seven for the professional degree), with all the expense entailed, and then watch his family go lacking because the church leaves him on the poverty level? A recent issue of *The Free Will Baptist* placed the *average* pay package for Free Will Baptist ministers at around \$17,500. When you subtract insurance, housing, travel expense, retirement, social security, and professional expenses, I think you would agree there is little left. Ministers rarely find the ground covered with manna in the morning. They should be paid and paid well. As the old adage goes, "You get what you pay for."

So then, what can we do? Should we just give up? No, we should give in—to God! For too long we've thought of responsibility as the exclusive domain of the pastor. It's time the membership became responsible. Members not only rob from God when they refuse to give faithfully and sacrificially; they rob the pastor. The membership shouldn't have all the *extras* until the pastor's family at least has the basics.

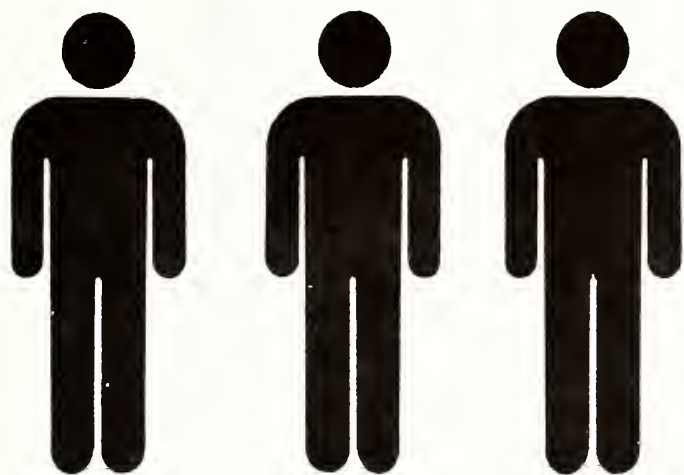
The grand delusion is, then, that a denomination can have adequate leadership and not pay the price. No one enters the ministry to get rich (at least no Free Will Baptist), but it is nearly impossible for a minister to maintain sound mental health, a sweet disposition, and a happy, healthy family when he rides the jagged edge of financial disaster. Pray that God will send workers into the harvest field. Give responsibly that the workers called can harvest!



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THE FREE WILL BAPTIST





## A FEW GOOD MEN

by Bill Gaither

"Dad, how'd we get this land?"

My son, Benjy, surprised me with the question while we were doing yard work last summer.

"It had a lot to do with your great-grandfather," I said as I looked over the property, filled with trees Benjy had helped plant years before. "A Mr. Yule owned most of the land in this county. When he was 91, I asked if I could buy 13 acres. He said, 'Yes' when he learned I was Grover Gaither's grandson.

"Mr. Yule told me Grandpa was one of the best workers he ever had. Because of one good man three generations ago, you've had this place to grow up on, Benjy."

At his funeral, Grandpa was praised for his compassion, forgiveness, strength, tenderness and generosity. I thought about the kind of man he had been, the personal qualities that had made him stand out—his gentle leadership, his integrity. He was a simple farmer whose demeanor and life-style marked him with greatness.

I've seen the living Jesus in the example of other godly men as well, leaders who have helped validate my faith. But I can't help thinking about the lack of "a few good men" in the church—and society—today. We're living through what Charles Colson calls a "serious character crisis with men in our society," which, I believe, is at the root of many of our ills.

Corruption, drug abuse, immorality, greed and hedonism are rampant. Every aspect of our society has been affected—government, business, the community, the school, the home, even the church.

One inner-city pastor told me the role models for young men in his church are "drug dealers, criminals and pimps." But the inner-city is only a reflection of the larger society, from the sanctuary to corporate headquarters. The male role models in evangelical churches aren't pimps or drug dealers. In many cases, the role models are mothers who must assume the spiritual role of both parents because of the lack of strong male leadership.

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*Godly men are essential for building strong families, the church and society. Where do we find them?*

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## Good Examples

Those raised in Bible-honoring homes, or who have come to value the Bible at a later age, know the kind of godly leadership I'm talking about: leadership prized by God. Several heroes of the faith stand out in my mind: Noah, Gideon, Joshua, David. Each had the courage to follow God's command. We can learn much from them that we can apply to this present moral upheaval.

In Noah, I see courage borne of dogged faith to defy the world system in the face of ridicule and faithlessness. In Gideon I see strength that doesn't come from numbers, but from commitment to God. In Joshua I see a call to serve the Lord in sincerity and truth. In David I see contriteness of heart that strives to beat with God's own heart.

I've been taught by men who have modeled some of these attributes of good and wise leaders.

At one point in my youth, I was angry about something happening in my church. I remember Uncle Jesse trying to calm me. "You can be right," he said, "and still be wrong."

My reasons for being upset were valid, but my attitude was wrong, and wasn't doing anybody any good. I'm thankful for Uncle Jesse's courage to tell me the truth in a caring but firm way.

During my freshman year in college, I was attending a midweek service and saw one of my professors, Dr. Karl Kardatske. He was a brilliant man

who had earned several degrees in psychology and family counseling, and was a wonderful father with four children.

While we were singing "The Old Rugged Cross," he was singing with gusto and joy as usual, but tears streamed down his cheeks. In that moment I saw something deep and fine about this man and his faith, something I wanted in my own life.

A few weeks later he was diagnosed with terminal cancer. Before he died, he told his wife, "Kip, it's been a fun journey. It's been good, and God is good."

Without realizing it, he had spoken volumes to me. He had lived and died without regret—maybe one of the strongest testimonies of the strength of one's character and the power of one's faith.

Where are the likes of these men who can make a positive impact on the church and society today? As I listen to the radio, watch TV, or read the paper, I wonder how long we can last on the present course. Our society is a ship without a lighthouse to illuminate the dangerous reefs. What can Christian men do to impact our society and be lighthouses that shine in the night?

## Hard Questions

To be lighthouses, we must exemplify something the world desperately needs—integrity. That will extract a high price from us, but we can't have it any other way. Every day I run across Christian men





who refuse to be honest about themselves, their gifts and limitations. By keeping a lid on the truth, they act like unbelievers, who don't believe God can affect their lives for the better.

Many men actually are afraid of admitting they've made mistakes. Fear of changing course can also keep many from asking these hard, basic questions:

—Who am I in Christ? Have I acknowledged my sinfulness before God, and turned from the sins that plagued my life? If not, "repentance" may be only mental assent.

—Have I asked Jesus Christ, who died for my sins, to be my Saviour and Lord? Acknowledging Him as Lord means total submission to Him. Being sorry for our sins won't get us into Heaven. Placing our trust in what Jesus did for us on the Cross will make the difference in eternity.

—Have I done everything I can to make restitution for my sins, to try to undo the harm I've caused other people? This is difficult for many Christians, but it's essential to spiritual growth. There can't be genuine forgiveness and restoration in the church until there's genuine restitution. We must close the previous chapter before we can get on with the next.

—Am I willing to follow the example of Jesus, who said to be a leader, one must be a servant? From time to time, I work with talented young singers whose talent is marred by a fatal flaw—the lack of servanthood.

"You have a fantastic voice, but you need to take a crash course in foot-washing," I've told a number of them. It may sound harsh, but without the complete message I believe God wants them to hear, my praise would be shallow. If I hadn't felt first-hand the impact of true servanthood, I would have kept quiet.

## Quiet Workers

There *are* some good men around, quietly doing significant things. For some, it's not their nature to be out front. They have names few would recognize, but they'll be no surprise to the saints in glory.

Our company comptroller, Dan Lacey, displays the expected qualities of a hard-nosed businessman. But recently I saw him in a new light as I passed our church kindergarten one Sunday. There was Dan, surrounded by a swarm of eager children.

"Helping out?" I asked.

"No," he corrected. "I'm teaching."

"Oh? For how long?" I asked. His answer surprised and delighted me.

"A couple of years now," he said. His reply was warm and enthusiastic. He obviously loved these kids, and they loved him.

Here was Dan Lacey giving up a seat during the worship hour to be with these children. The biggest

heroes in our congregation may not be the pastor or other leaders, but people like Dan, willing to model servanthood to a group of children—and adults.

The secular media—and many in the church—would pass by Dan's devotion without notice. But it's time to start recognizing the hidden heroes of the kingdom. Not to stroke their egos, but to draw attention to their service in such a way as to encourage others to emulate them.

## Let's Be Real

As I look back over my life, I can echo the words of David, who wrote, "The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; yes, I have a good inheritance" (Psalm 16:6). I thank God for the good inheritance He has given me through godly men like Grandpa Gaither, Karl Kardatske, Dan Lacey. I'm also grateful for those friends and confidants who have shared the burden and the challenge of ministry with me, who have confronted and comforted me.

God is looking for a handful of radically committed men. He asked Gideon for 300 men, not legions. It's quality that God—and society—needs. Most seem too immobilized from fear and frustration to stand up and be counted. Many men don't know who they are, defining themselves by what they do, who they know or what they own.

As Christians, we're supposed to be in the world, not of it. Yet we have accepted the world's bill of goods: success is the true measure of a man, happiness comes through the abundance of possessions. We've chosen riches, rather than the good name spoken of in Proverbs 22:1.

It's time to reject the world's methods, and work for a spiritual revolution that will be manifest in tangible ways. If the gospel of Jesus Christ can't make deep and decisive changes in our lives, then we have nothing but a dead Jesus to offer the world. How can we expect society to heal itself?

The church has the Lord Jesus' incredible promise He will never leave us or forsake us. He invested Himself in our lives, and can equip us to invest our lives for others and make a vital difference in our world.

All the Lord needs is a few good men willing to model godly leadership. As we choose to follow Him, He can free us from our pain and failure, and empower us to be the godly role models we need to be—at home, on the job, at church, and in society.

Then and only then can the quiet revolution come leaping into our society as it can, and as it must.

Bill Gaither and his wife, Gloria, have written such well-known gospel songs as "Because He Lives" and "The King Is Coming." Bill's latest release, with the Gaither Vocal Band, is "A Few Good Men" (Star Song).

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## WHAT WOMEN WISH THEIR HUSBANDS KNEW ABOUT LEADERSHIP

*Being a good father and husband means more than providing a comfortable life. It means providing a godly role model.*

*by Beverly LaHaye*

ness, and the church, a recurring concern is the lack of male leadership in the home.

"My husband provides well for our family's material needs, but our spiritual and emotional needs are impoverished," a woman told me in a recent letter, expressing the yearning of many wives.

Another frustrated spouse said her husband spends more time with his hobbies than their children. His work requires him to be around people, so he believes he deserves to be left alone at home, she said. Other women worry about their husband's lack of involvement in church or spiritual activities.

In 1 Timothy 3:5, while talking about the qualifications of a leader, the Apostle Paul writes, "If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?" Clearly, leadership begins in the home. If we have strong, godly men leading our families, we'll have a stronger church and a stronger society.

I've observed that more women participate in Bible study classes than men, and experience a deeper spiritual growth. Since expectations for husbands are built from the Word, they are disturbed when the husband falls short as the family's spiritual head.

As the president of the nation's largest organization for women, I get

feedback from all over the country. It's no coincidence that in a time

dominated by headlines about failed leadership in government, busi-



Women shouldn't expect perfection, of course, but they do need men whose personal lives are in proper relationship with the Lord, who are forgiven for past sins and recognize they can't be the spiritual leader to a wife and family without the Holy Spirit's help.

A godly man will concentrate on building up his spouse. He will pray for and with her and encourage her spiritual growth. He will focus his love on her alone. True commitment necessitates fleeing from sexual immorality in his thought life, reading material, glances and actions. There will never be unfaithfulness if the husband turns away from the first lustful thought or glance, if he determines before God he will live a faithful moral life with desires only for his wife.

Being a faithful, loving partner influences the results of parenting. When children know their parents love each other, they need little explanation about the character of God's love, and it helps prepare them for future adult love.

## No Role Models

Not all husbands fall short of this biblical model. Many take seriously their role as spiritual leader for the family. Unfortunately, a growing number do not. Spiritual training for too many children of Christian couples is bounced between the mother and

Sunday School. But Ephesians 6:4 clearly tells fathers to bring up children "in the training and admonition of the Lord."

The Lord can work around a father's lack, of course. Many single-parent moms have to be in charge of their childrens' spiritual training. And spiritually mature young people have come out of homes where there was no father. My husband, Tim, is an example. His father died when Tim was young, and his mother had a profound spiritual impact on his life. He has spent more than 40 years as a godly husband, minister and author. Still, he recognizes the need for balanced responsibility, and has been a strong model for me and our children.

Moms *can* do a great job when necessary. But the fact remains that fathers are called to lead the family in spiritual instruction.

Recent studies show that dads who spend time alone with their children more than twice a week—giving baths, meals and basic care—rear children who become compassionate adults. A dad's involvement helps the child develop higher self-esteem, better grades, and more sociability.

Women long for their husbands to have more spiritual involvement with the children, who seek a role model. If it isn't Dad or Mom, it probably will be someone not in step with

your spiritual values, someone whose values and goals are opposed to yours.

## The Right Start

Ideally, dads should start with their children while they are young to capture their respect and admiration. It requires spending time with them—from building with blocks to batting balls around the yard to going fishing and camping to learning to drive. During these times questions and conversations will develop that let a dad build spiritual character into his children. It's never too late to begin.

One of my favorite stories is about a dad Tim and I knew. He was an active businessman and Christian leader, but he carved his schedule around daily contact with his three sons. He started when they were very young. When we met them, they were 11, 14, and 17, and his daily habit still carried on.

Tim and I were guests when we observed this family in action. Every evening the father made a determined effort to have individual prayer with his sons. If he was home, he would excuse himself and take each son in his own bedroom to pray together. When he was away from home at bedtime, he would telephone and pray with each one by phone. Those few times when it was impossible to make contact with the boys, each knew wherever Dad was, he was pray-

ing for them at that time of night.

Once the father was going to travel in Europe for two weeks, and the time difference plus expense would make a phone call difficult. This creative Dad made a cassette tape for each boy to have by his bedside, and every night each could hear Dad praying for him.

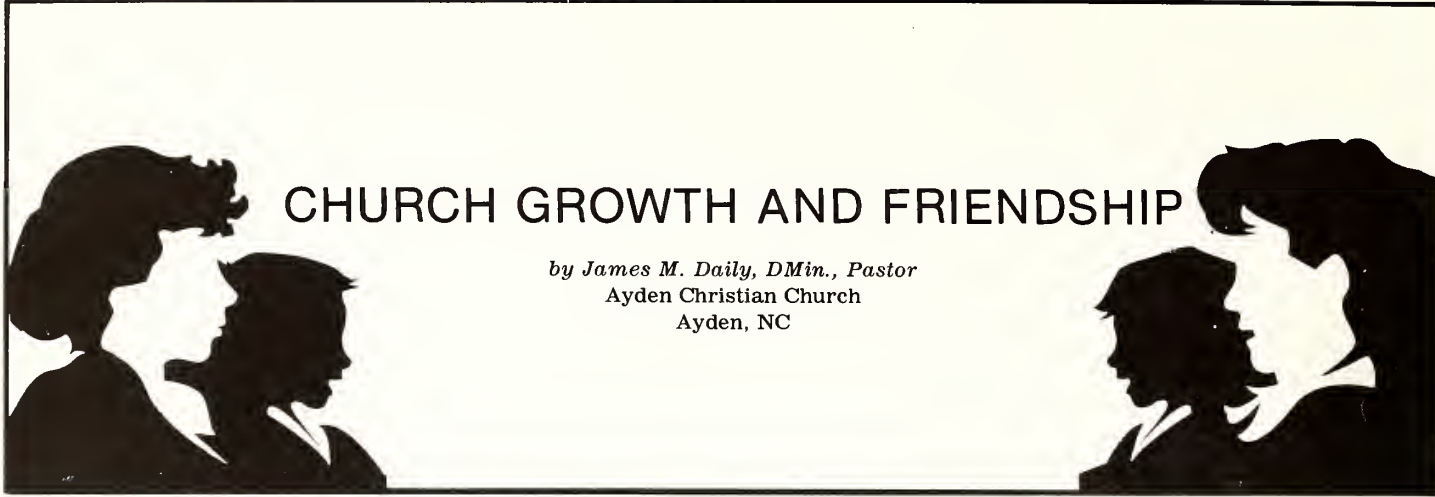
The availability and presence of a godly man in the lives of his wife and children has far-reaching effects, extending to society as a whole. By loving his wife as Christ loves the church, spending quality time with his children and providing spiritual guidance, a father's influence will continue into successive generations. Psalm 112:1-2 is a promise for all time: "Blessed is the man who fears the LORD . . . His children will be mighty in the land; each generation of the upright will be blessed."

A man willing to follow the admonition in Deuteronomy 6:5 to "Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength" *will* be the spiritual leader of his home, will love his wife as his own body, and be a role model to his children. What a pillar of strength this man will be to the family.

Beverly LaHaye, president of Concerned Women for America, also hosts a daily radio talk show, "Concerned Women Live."

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## CHURCH GROWTH AND FRIENDSHIP

by James M. Daily, DMin., Pastor  
Ayden Christian Church  
Ayden, NC

"The world is not thy friend . . ." (Shakespeare's *"Romeo and Juliet,"* Act 14, Scene 1, line 69).

BUT

Jesus said, "... I have called you my friends . . . ."

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Since my first two articles on the subject of church growth, I have spoken with a number of people who've expressed that I have failed to make clear my perception of what is meant by church growth. Hopefully, I can help clarify that meaning.

Normally, when the words "church growth" are mentioned, we think of adding numbers to our church rolls; we think of bringing those to know Jesus Christ as Lord of their lives. Church growth can have the connotation of growing spiritually as well. Increased participation in such church activities as church school, fellowship activities, evening youth activities; the children's, youth or adult choirs, and bell choir is one very effective way in which each of these kinds of growth may be accomplished.

My proposition is this: Where there is genuine friendship, there is a greater potential for church growth (increased participation).

When I arrived at Ayden Christian Church in mid-1983, I often heard of its reputation as a friendly church. That was good to hear, but I really didn't take much notice of it, for I had heard of other "friendly churches," and they didn't really seem much different than those without that reputation. However, as time passed and I caught the spirit of what already existed, I became aware of what the reputation as a friendly church can mean in a community, and more particularly, to those who visit the church. It is not true that other churches have the opposite reputation, for they do not—but from those folks who worship with us for the first time, I often get very vocal positive feedback as to the friendliness of our congregation.

It was in 1984 that a couple from a city about 10 miles away was invited to our church. They had told one of our members that they didn't feel as if they fit in with any of the churches in which they worshiped. Now they were not critical of those churches, nor was it implied that those churches seemed particularly unfriendly . . . there was just something lacking. They were so impressed with the friendliness of our people that they eventually sold their home in the nearby city, moved to Ayden, and placed their membership with our church. They are a very active young couple with two children. Since July, another couple (with two grown children) from that city—members of a large Protestant church—have been attending here, and having become regular participants, have recently placed membership with us. The woman has joined the bell choir, and the husband is helping with the tape ministry.

This latter couple was coming because a member of our church knew them and became social friends, doing such things as inviting them to eat at their home a number of times; on some of those occasions, my wife and I were invited (friendship evangelism).

Let me share some personal experiences outside my own church which, I'm sure, the reader might well duplicate. While attending a summer school at Rutgers University some time ago, I took the opportunity each week to travel to New York City. Each Sunday I would visit a different church. Naturally, I wanted to visit some of the larger churches of which I'd heard. I worshiped at Marble Collegiate Church (and walked 26 long city blocks to get there—I was concerned about taking the bus, as I didn't know



which one to take nor where to get off), First Christian Church, and a large Presbyterian church the last Sunday I was there.

I had two sad and one glad (really glad) experiences. First, in both the initial two churches, I was handed a bulletin rather perfunctorially and formally escorted to a seat. The few words exchanged were bland—the minimum necessary to get the job done of leading me inside the church and into a seat with a bulletin. At my own denomination's church, I asked to see one of the ministers whom I knew. In fact, he succeeded me as president of a county CYF organization in Indiana. I was told he was much too busy. I could understand that, but no mention was made that the usher would be happy to get him a message, for he, too, was apparently much too busy.

Now let me share the glad news. This was my last Sunday at Rutgers, and I had to return promptly to the library for study and preparation of my final paper and exam. Therefore, I left the church immediately following the worship service, but almost instantly heard the steps of someone running behind me. Sure enough, there was a lady running and calling to me: "Weren't you new in the service today?" "Yes," I answered. "Wouldn't you please return with me for our coffee hour?" I was flabbergasted! I had to explain that I couldn't and gave my reasons.

Take just a moment, as I'm sure it will take no longer, and decide which church you would be more likely to return to if in New York. Naturally, it would be that of the lady running to catch me. What greater importance can one place on a church visitor than such a genuine display of friendliness!

It is in the Book of Proverbs that we read these words: "A friend loves you all the time. A brother (sister) is always there to help you" (Proverbs 17:17, *TEB*). Romans 12:10 (*NIV*) advises that we should "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves." If we could see ourselves as others do, having the opportunity to look through their eyes, would we find our actions reflecting these passages? As Christians, we have a special responsibility to "Love each other. You must love each other as I have loved you. All people will know that you are my followers if you love each other" (John 13:34-35, *TEB*).

I am proud to say that I have known some of the folks at Ayden Christian Church to hurry out to catch someone whom they recognized as a visitor. This may often be necessary, as visitors (whether or not they've been made to feel welcome inside) quite often do not tarry after the service and immediately find their way outside.

I have often heard it said that "I missed a visitor because I had to see so-and-so." Isn't it likely that we could contact so-and-so by phone later, or with a visit to their home? For the visitor, we never get

another opportunity to make that good first impression.

Let me share another experience from my congregation that demonstrates the importance of friendship among people in the small groups in church. One lady whose husband had recently died stood up at choir rehearsal and said, "I want you to know how very important your love and friendship are to me. It is this group that has helped me so much—you make me feel wanted." This seemed to prime a pump for another lady, recently divorced, who said, "I am returning to church and the choir, because I know I am wanted. You have continued during my trials to let me know that I'm missed, that you care for me." A third lady, who had just placed her membership in our congregation then stood and said, "I know, and I have told you of how your friendship has led me into this congregation and this choir, but my father was here last Sunday, and he told me that of all the churches he had ever been to, this was, by far, the most friendly." Then a man stood and told the reason he and his wife transferred their membership to our church. It was "because you made us feel welcome and you immediately invited our participation in the life of the church in such ways that we really knew you meant it. Not only that, when we were absent, you called or spoke to us regarding when you would see us again . . . you told us that we were missed."

As our church continues to grow in numbers, it remains clear that it is appropriate to enhance and hopefully ensure the continued friendliness for which we are reputed.

One of the things we have done to ensure this atmosphere of friendliness is that we have established a cadre of greeters, two at each entrance to the sanctuary. (Two are important, as one may have to leave to guide a parent to the nursery with his children. They may also have to leave for other reasons.) Next, we have the two presiding elders follow the minister out (as the minister can be in only one place as worshipers leave), with each going to one of the two different exits, so that all the people are greeted as they depart. These greeters and elders are instructed to look people in the eye, shake their hand and greet them warmly, getting their name and sharing their own.

When the Pharisee asked Jesus what is the greatest commandment in the Law, Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:37-39, *NIV*). When we take these to heart on a daily basis, friendliness naturally evolves—which in turn fosters the essential Christian environment needed in order for church growth, in all of its forms and manifestations, to flourish to the glory of God.



LAYMAN'S  
LEAGUE  
SPIRITUAL  
LIFE  
RETREAT



June 1, 1991

"... ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. And I will be found of you, saith the LORD..." (Jeremiah 29:13-14).

THEME: "The Walk of Obedience" (2 Chronicles 7:14)

MORNING SESSION

- 9:00- 9:30—Fellowship Time  
9:30-10:15—"The Walk of Obedience in the Word," the Rev. Ray Wells  
10:15-10:45—Recreation and Fellowship  
10:45-11:30—"The Walk of Obedience in Commitment," the Rev. Ray Wells  
11:30- 1:00—Lunch and Recreation

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00- 1:45—"The Walk of Obedience in Prayer," the Rev. David C. Hansley  
1:45- 2:15—Recreation  
2:15- 2:45—"The Walk of Obedience in Witness," the Rev. David C. Hansley  
2:45- 3:15—Prayer and Meditation  
3:15- 4:15—Sharing Time  
4:15—Benediction

*Recommended Reading:*

*Absolute Surrender* by Andrew Murray (paperback)

(This book may be ordered through the Free Will Baptist Press.)

The Rev. Ray Wells is vice president of the Convention of Churches and pastor of Marsh Swamp Church. The Rev. David C. Hansley is the director of the Home Missions and Evangelism Board ministry.

All sessions on Saturday will be at Eagles' Nest. If you plan to stay overnight at Eagles' Nest, bring your sleeping bag and whatever else you will need to stay overnight. Bring your Bible with you. You will need it on Saturday.

Each person planning to attend the retreat is requested to complete and return this form by May 25.

*Make checks for overnight accommodations payable to the State Layman's League.*

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CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_

CONFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_

HOME TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

(Check appropriate blanks)

\_\_\_\_\_ I plan to attend the retreat at Eagles' Nest on June 1.

\_\_\_\_\_ I plan to stay at Eagles' Nest Friday night, May 31. (\$5.00)

Please return this form to:

Mr. Roney Bunn Jr.  
Route 3, Box 189  
Kenly, NC 27542  
(919) 237-4428

For additional information, please contact the Rev. Frank R. Harrison, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, NC 28365; telephones: office, 658-2502; home, 658-9363; or Mr. John Newton, 500 West Walnut Street, Tarboro, NC 27886; telephones: Home, 823-3049; office, 832-7776. (Lunch will be at the restaurant of your choice in Mount Olive.)

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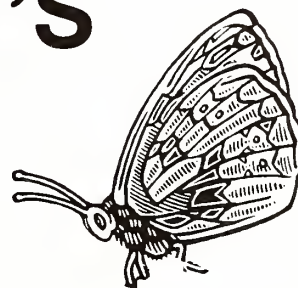


# SUMMER WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

## June Women's Conference

June 10-15, 1991

The Bible teachers for the June conference will be our missionary couple, Willem and Lydia van der Plas.



## August Women's Conference

August 5-10, 1991

(Remember: there **will not** be a second Women's Conference in August.)

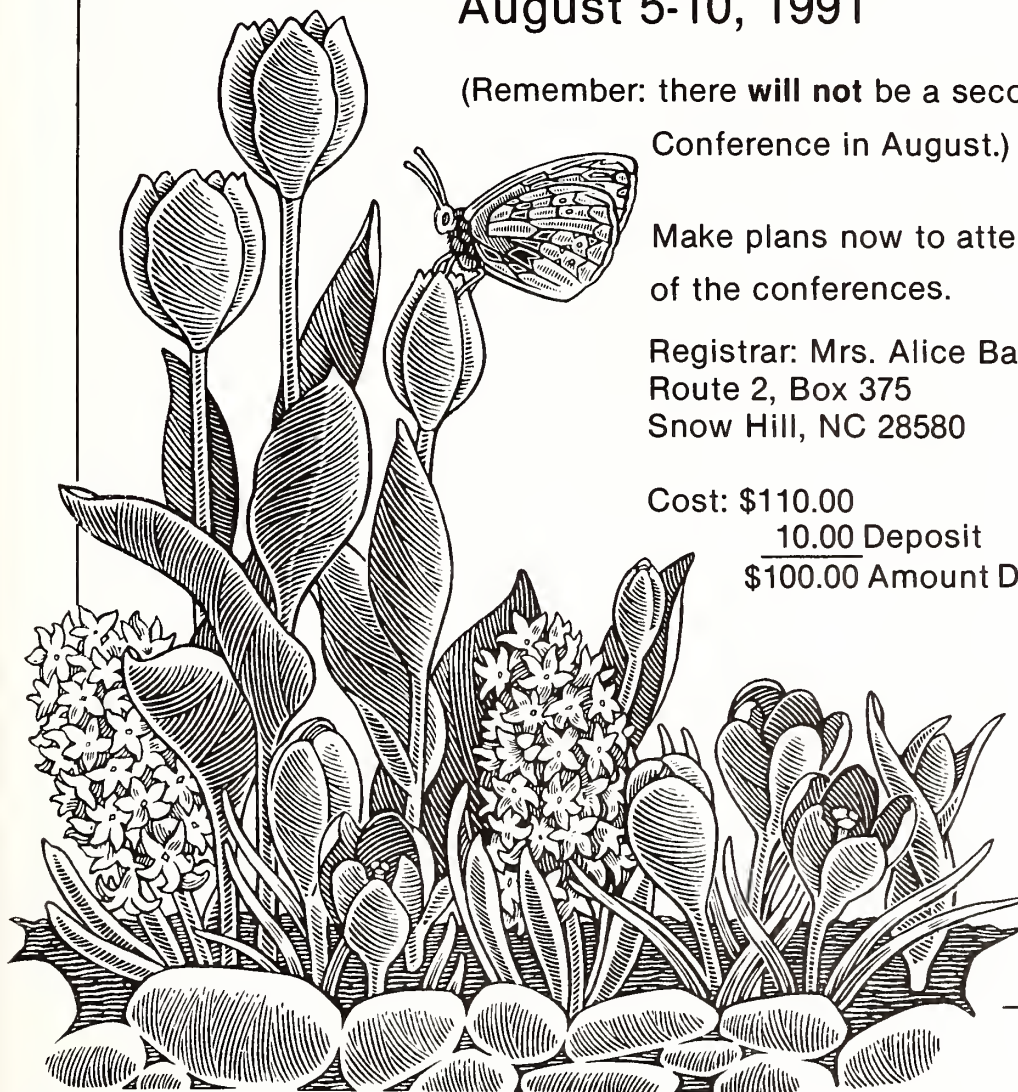
Make plans now to attend one or both of the conferences.

Registrar: Mrs. Alice Barrow  
Route 2, Box 375  
Snow Hill, NC 28580

Cost: \$110.00  
    10.00 Deposit  
    \$100.00 Amount Due on Arrival

Different special mini-activities are planned for both weeks.

During both weeks we plan a trip to Cherokee, NC, to do some sight-seeing and to attend the outdoor drama "Unto These Hills." We also will do some shopping in the Black Mountain area.





# CHRISTIAN CADET CONFERENCE

Route 2, Box 496  
Goldsboro, NC 27534

Gary M. Bailey & Ronnie V. Hobgood  
Directors

The Christian Cadet Conference (sponsored by the League Convention) for 1991 will be held on June 24-29. We are looking for a great week of camp.

The cost of camp this year is *\$130 per camper*. We have not increased our camp fee for the past two years. We regret that we have to increase the fees at this time; however due to higher bus rates, lodging, etc., the \$25 increase is a necessity. You should know in advance that the increase this year includes a one-day trip to *Ghost Town*. The trip to *Ghost Town* is an added expense but we feel that this will add a great deal to our week of camp.

Remember that transportation, towels, sheets, pillows, soap and all activities are included in our one price. The only out-of-pocket expense will be lunch Monday on the way to Cragmont, lunch while at *Ghost Town*, and lunch while returning Saturday, as well as snacks and souvenirs, and a group picture, if desired.

Get your application in as soon as possible. Due to the large number of campers we had last year, we believe there will be more applications than we have space for this year. These spaces will be filled on a first come first served basis. The age for campers is *9-19 years*.

To make application to attend this year, you should send in the form below along with a *\$35 deposit*. This deposit will become non-refundable after June 1, 1991. (Transfers are allowable for new campers, but no refunds can be made after June 1.) The balance of \$95 will be due June 15. Medical forms and travel details will be sent in late May.

For more information or if you have questions, please call or write to: Gary M. Gailey, director (address above); or phone (office) 735-3916; or (home) 734-0714.

CHRISTIAN CADET CONFERENCE  
ROUTE 2, BOX 496  
GOLDSBORO, NC 27534  
Application for Camp—June 24-29, 1991

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Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ School Grade Next Fall \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardians \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different than above) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone of Above: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Night \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Night \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_ Minister \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$35 Deposit Enclosed, \$95 Balance Due By June 1.

Signature of Camper \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

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# It won't be long...



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YFAers will soon be traveling to Cragmont Assembly to attend the 1991 Youth Frontier Conference.

Youth Frontier Conference/YFA Week is unique because it is the only youth encampment at Cragmont planned for just teenagers. This encampment always proves to be a time of fun and fellowship, a time of soul-searching and inspiration. This year's encampment is scheduled for July 1-6. Activities planned include a trip to Gatlinburg, TN, and Asheville.

To make sure that you are among those attending YFA Week, please mail the application below soon! Send the application with a \$35 registration fee. Letters explaining what you need to carry to camp will be sent when your registration fee is received. The total cost of the week is \$135.

Checks should be made payable to Youth Frontier Conference/YFA Week.

#### APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Town \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Send application to: Scott and Janie Sowers, Directors, Route 1, Box 106-B, Farmville, NC 27828.





# ***We're Not Ashamed!***

## **General Youth Conference - July 22-27**

### **ATTENTION CAMPERS:**

It's time to begin planning for Cragmont, and General Youth Conference. We are excited about our camp and plan for this year to be the best ever!

Our theme this year is "We're Not Ashamed." The cost for the week is \$130.00. This includes transportation, lodging, food at Cragmont, group picture, activity fee, and tickets for this year's trip, which is being planned for "Dollywood." Please complete the attached registration form below and return **no later than June 25** with a \$30.00 deposit. The \$100.00 balance will be due with the return of your forthcoming medical form. Checks should be made payable to General Youth Conference.

We are looking forward to another week of Christian camping filled with instruction, recreation, music, friendship, and just plain fun.

Don't delay!! We will be limited to accepting the first 150 registrations for camp. For further information call me at 638-3436 (office) or 633-2683 (home), or David Hines, Director, at 658-6948.

We're Not Ashamed!!!

Bryant Hines Jr., Registrar  
Post Office Box 266  
Cove City, NC 28523

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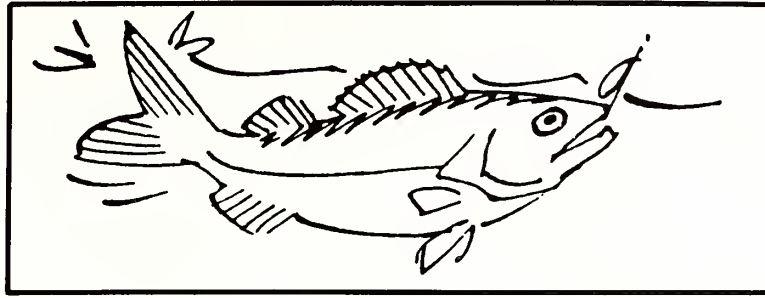
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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PETER

One day when many people crowded around Jesus by the Lake of Gennesaret to hear Him teach, Jesus saw some fishermen who had left their boats and were washing their nets. Jesus got into the boat belonging to Simon Peter. He asked Peter to take the boat out a short distance from land. Jesus sat down and began to teach the crowd of people who were standing on the shore. He told Peter to let down his nets into the water for a large catch of fish.

Peter then told Jesus, "We have fished all night, but we still have not caught anything; nevertheless, I'll do as you say." No sooner had the net been lowered into the water than it was filled with fish—so many fish that the net broke! Peter called for his partners in the other ship to come and help him.

As soon as James and John reached Peter, they helped to fill both Peter's boat and their own boat with the great catch of fish. There were so many fish that the boats began to sink. Peter immediately recognized that Jesus had miraculous power. He fell down at Jesus' feet and said, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." He was surprised at the great catch of fish and so were his partners, James and John. Jesus then told Peter,

"\_\_\_\_\_."

To find out what Jesus said, write the letter that comes *before* each letter below the blank.

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by C. H. Overman  
Convention General Secretary

### CONVENTION SECRETARY EMPLOYED



Mrs. Michelle Dudley Fordham

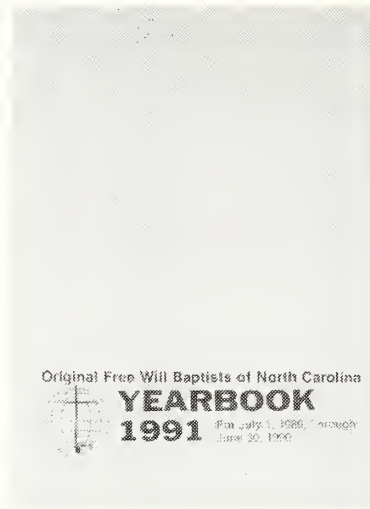
We are happy to announce that Mrs. Michelle Dudley Fordham has been employed by the Convention to serve as our secretary. Her employment began on May 1, 1991.

Michelle is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Dudley of Deep Run, North Carolina. She is a member of First Church, Kinston, North Carolina. She is a graduate of Deep Run High School and has attended UNC-Greensboro and Lenoir Community College. At Lenoir, she studied Computer Operations. She is married to Jimmy Fordham and they have a beautiful daughter, Kristen, born on February 8, 1991.

Michelle is serving on a part-time basis with hours each afternoon from 12:30-4:30. She will be assisting our office in all promotional efforts, especially relating to the use of the computer which the Convention has purchased and is now utilizing. The addition of Michelle to the Headquarters staff allows us to have full coverage of the office when our ministry directors are unable to be here.

It is good to have Michelle working with us and we believe the Convention will benefit greatly as she joins us at the Headquarters.

### 1991 YEARBOOKS



The 1991 Yearbooks have been mailed to the church clerks and to the ministers who registered for the 1991 Convention. Those who did not receive a copy, are asked to contact our office here at the Headquarters. The cost is \$10 per copy.

As stated in the *Foreword*: "The *Yearbook of Original Free Will Baptists* provides a comprehensive overview of denominational information and is an invaluable resource for every minister, denominational leader, or person interested in the work or history of the Original Free Will Baptists. Nowhere else can one find an all-inclusive denominational volume.

"A special thanks goes to the secretaries and clerks of churches, conferences, and organizations. It is the secretaries and clerks who provide us with the material for the *Yearbook*."

The *Yearbook* contains a Directory of Ministers, Directory of Churches, Directory of Denominational Ministries, Minutes of State Bodies, Minutes of Conferences and Associations, and a Statistical Table.

I have heard many of our ministers and laymen comment about the convenience of the *Yearbook*. It gives the addresses, telephone numbers, etc., of many of our church's leaders. So if you

would like to have one, just let us know.

### PART-TIME HOURS?

Our work as General Secretary is what we term, "part-time." Thus, when we began in July of 1989, we sought to establish some regularity in the hours we would be in the Headquarter's office, as required by the Convention's Executive Committee. We set the days for each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday until about noon. Obviously, this does not include the time spent in attending various denominational meetings and activities. We are not totaling up the hours, but simply seeking to serve the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. (I suppose "part-time" means that it is not our only work or responsibility.) Regardless of the hours spent in the work, it is a blessing to be of service to our Lord and Church. Please call on us at any time!

### HOW BIG?

39,000,000 students! That's how many Sunday School students there are. That's more than the combined populations of East Germany and Romania. That's more than half the population of the combined East German and West German states.

4,100,000 teachers! That's just less than a third of Czechoslovakia's population, or half of Bulgaria's population.

As we pray for Christians and seekers in Eastern Europe, let us also remember to pray for those with whom Christ is working in our own land.

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## SIDNEY OPPOSING GAMBLING

**SIDNEY FWB CHURCH**—Sidney Church went on record as opposing any legislation establishing legalized gambling. This action was taken during a recent church business meeting.

The Christian Action League of North Carolina urges all churches, Sunday Schools, Auxiliaries, etc. to voice their opposition against the three lottery bills (Senate Bill 2, House Bill 15, and House Bill 21) and a pari-mutuel betting bill (House Bill 341).

The Albemarle Sunday School Convention took similar action against legalized gambling at its annual convention on April 26.

## HAZARDOUS WASTE

Can you imagine Bibles being banned from the public school classrooms throughout America? Does this sound like a bad dream?

For Christians, it should sound more like a nightmare. The United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit has recently authorized and approved the action of school officials in Denver, Colorado. Two books were removed from a classroom library which contained over 230 assorted volumes. The two "dangerous" books were entitled *The Life of Jesus* and *The Bible in Pictures*. In addition, the school principal removed the Bible from the school's general library and expressed concern over gospel recordings that were available to students.

The removal of the two books and the Bible happened without one complaint from a student. In fact, no one complained about the use of the books.

C.A.S.E. (Christian Advocates Serving Evangelism), based in Atlanta and headed by Jay Sekulow, will petition the Supreme Court to hear the case. C.A.S.E. asks for Christians to pray that the Supreme Court

agrees to hear this important case. They also ask you to pray for their legal team. We must continue to fight to see the Bible returned to its proper place in our nation's public school classrooms.

—Casenote, April 1991

## PARTING PASTORS

**NASHVILLE, TN (EP)**—When Southern Baptists come to blows, it's the pastor who usually goes, according to a new study released by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

According to Baptist Press, the survey of 1,000 directors of missions found that nine out of ten pastors in churches which experience serious conflict are forced to leave. Norris Smith, forced termination consultant in the board's church administration department, said pastors could avoid that fate by establishing better relationships with people in the church.

"One difficulty comes with the perception of being pastor of the people," Smith explained.

"For the first few months a pastor should spend time finding out who it is he has been called to lead, especially in the areas of economics, culture and emotions. When church members get the idea the pastor accepts them as they are and is not trying to reshape them into some image he got in a classroom, they start to trust him."

When asked about factors that led to a serious conflict in a church, survey participants mentioned personality conflicts 58% of the time, followed by failure of a pastor to measure up to congregational expectations (46%), battles over who's going to run the church, (42%), leadership styles that are too weak (34%).

Conflicts were resolved by forcing a pastor out in 90% of the cases. Church members left in 84% of the cases, and church members withheld tithes and of-

ferings in 54% of the cases.

## EUTHANASIA GAINS ENDORSEMENT

Advocates of euthanasia feel more secure with a new representative in Dr. Timothy Quill. In the current *New England Journal of Medicine*, Dr. Quill explains how he helped in the suicide of a long-time patient. State law and medical codes forbid such actions. However, Dr. Quill does not face legal nor professional reprimands.

Dr. Quill adds another step to the euthanasia movement. You may recall, during last summer, the "suicide doctor" Jack Kevorkian helped a stranger commit suicide with a machine Dr. Kevorkian had invented.

—National Review, April 1, 1991

## TRAIN UP A CHILD

After the age of 18, only one in 10,000 will be won to Jesus, according to statistics given by evangelist Donald Lum.

Only about 6 in 100 youth are going to make it to church when they go off to college. And 80% of all who accept Jesus Christ do so before their 18th birthday. Of the other 20%, 15% heard the claims of the gospel while teenagers or younger, but accepted them later.

—The Christian World Report, March, 1991

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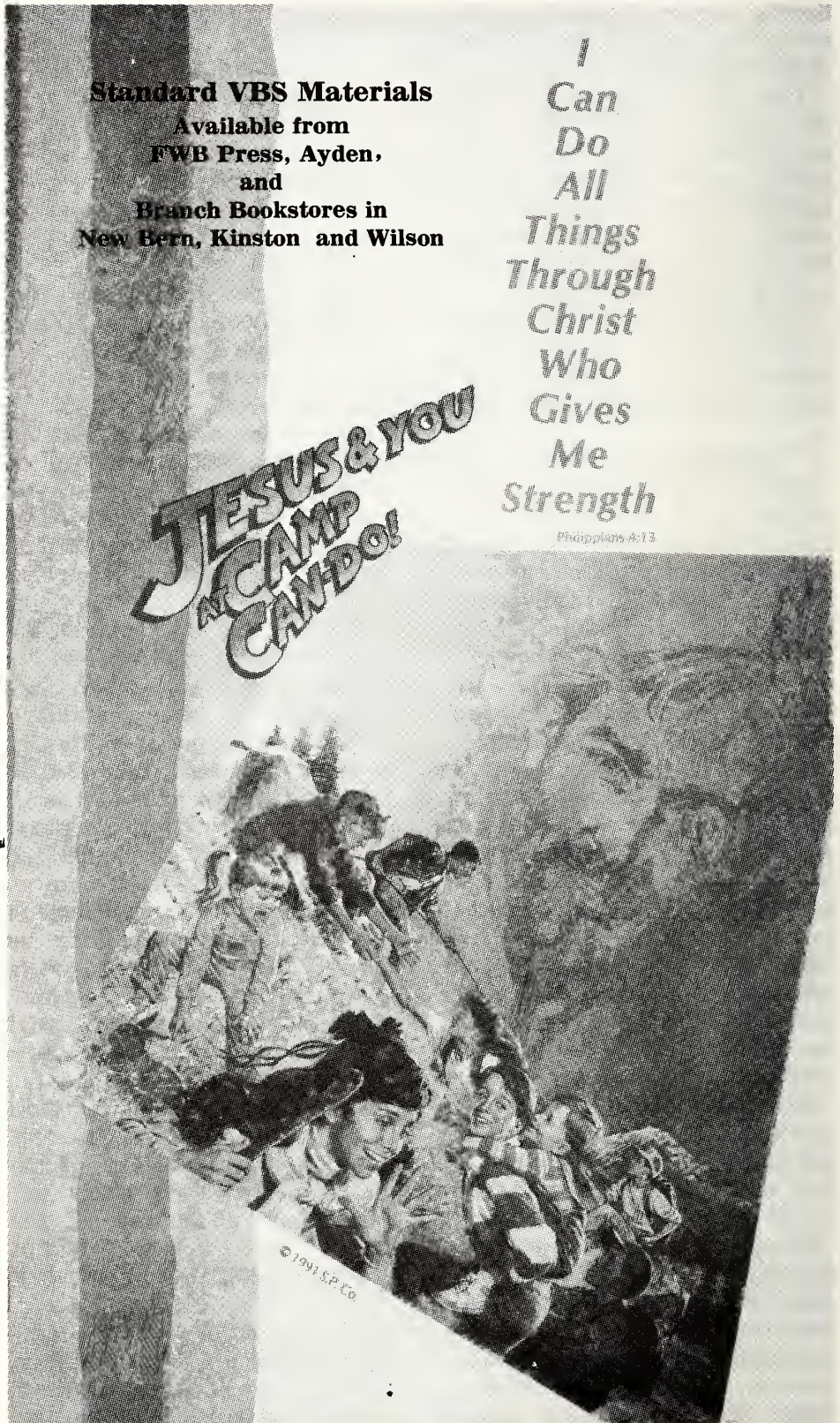
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### REARDON—JONES WEDDING



The Rev. and Mrs. Dwayne A. Jones

The Rev. Dwayne A. Jones and Norma Faye Reardon were united in marriage on Saturday, May 11, at Snow Hill Church, Route 2, Mount Olive. Mr. Jones is pastor of May's Chapel Church, Route 3, Dudley. Mrs. Jones is employed with the New East BankCorp in Selma, and they are making their home in Mount Olive. Mr. Jones is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Jones of Roper. His wife is the daughter of Mrs. Norma Reardon of Route 2, Mount Olive.

### PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY

*by Darlene Norville*

Sunday, May 26, was designated as "Pastor Appreciation Day" at Otters Creek Church, Route 1, Macclesfield. The day was set aside to honor our beloved pastor and his wife, Clarence and Thelma Harris. Mr. and Mrs. Harris were presented flowers and good wishes before Sunday School began.

After Preacher Harris delivered the morning message, lunch was served in the Fellowship Building. Pastor Harris and Thelma were served first, and then were seated at the reserved table of honor.

Preacher Harris has been a supply pastor at Otters Creek Church on two different occasions, but

God sent him to be our full-time pastor in July 1987. God has blessed our church through our pastor and his wife during his ministry, and we hope and pray that God will let him be with us at Otters Creek Church for a lot of years to come.

Thank you, God, for sending them our way.

### MEETING SCHEDULED

The Ministerial Examining Board of the Eastern Conference will meet in the Conference Office at First Church, Kinston, on July 15, 1991, at 9 a.m. Anyone wishing to appear before the Council may do so at this time.

### SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY AT FIRST CHURCH, ROCKY MOUNT

*by Debbie Daughtridge*

Mother's Day, May 12, 1991, was a special day in our church. In our morning service, we paid tribute to our mothers. Mrs. Kate Merritt was honored as our oldest mother, Mrs. Donna Daughtridge was honored as the mother with the youngest child, and Mrs. Margaret Morris was honored as the mother with the most children present. A book dedicated to these mothers will be placed in the Mount Olive College Library. All mothers were then presented with a red carnation by the children of our church.

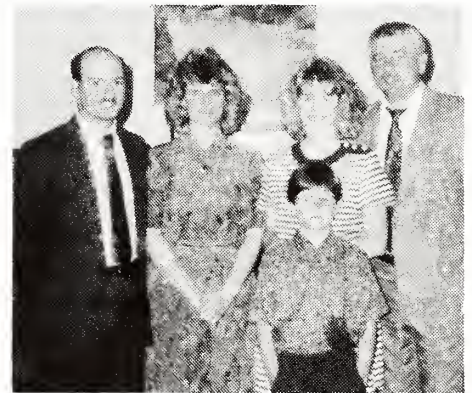
Even though we all love our mothers, the best was yet to come. To make our service totally complete, we had four new members baptized. T. J. Forbes, Jason Williams, Vickie Morgan and Michael Morgan were all baptized at the end of our Mother's Day service. What better gift could we give our mothers than that of eternal life?

Vickie and Michael Morgan are mother and son. Vickie made her profession of faith on May 5, then led her son to Christ the following Friday. What a

beautiful sight to see them baptized together. T. J. Forbes made his profession of faith in April but wanted to wait until his father, Terry Forbes, returned from duty in the Persian Gulf. This was a most special day for the Forbes family. After the service, T. J.'s sister, Esther, made her profession of faith. Last, but not least, a very special little boy named Jason Williams was baptized. We have all watched Jason grow up in our church and we were all thrilled when he came forward. Jason has really become someone to keep our eyes on. Who knows? Some day Jason may be preaching to all of us.

The Lord has surely blessed our church in Rocky Mount. We have already come farther than we ever dared to dream. We know that all of this is only possible through God, and with His love we will soar even higher.

### FAMILY UNITES WITH CHURCH



The Rev. Dwayne A. Jones, Mrs. Gayle Morgan, Angela Morgan, Jack Morgan; in front, Michael Morgan.

The congregation of May's Chapel Church, Route 3, Dudley, is pleased to welcome into its membership Mr. and Mrs. Jack Morgan and their children, Angela and Michael. This young family was received into membership on Sunday night, May 5. Angela and Michael were baptized by the church's pastor, the Rev. Dwayne A. Jones. The Morgans reside at the Sleepy Creek Community near Dudley.



## LA GRANGE CHURCH SECRETARY HONORED



Mrs. Carolyn Hill and the Rev. Howard Starling, pastor of La Grange Church.

On April 21, 1991, Mrs. Carolyn Hill was honored by the La Grange Church.

Mrs. Hill was presented with flowers and a certificate of recognition for her steadfast commitment to her church and her faithfulness to duty. She presently serves as Church Secretary and has also faithfully served as the church organist for many years. She follows the traditions set by her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wilson, who were charter members of the congregation.

A member commented, "If you need help or want to get something done, ask Carolyn."

## PASTOR HONORED AT TARBORO CHURCH

The Goodwill Circle of Tarboro Church set aside the week of January 7-12 for "Honor Our Pastor Week." This week was chosen to honor the Rev. Stanley E. Buck Jr. in appreciation for his seven years with the church and in celebration of his 36th birthday on the 12th.

Four of the circles and the Woman's Auxiliary took a day

each to do something special for the pastor. The Layman's League was in charge of Wednesday night Prayer Service with devotions, special music, and a few jokes and pranks thrown in for fun.

On Saturday night, the Goodwill Circle gave the pastor a birthday party. There were 102 guests registered, twenty of which were from his former churches, his family and his wife's family. The pastor did not know they had been invited. He received many nice gifts and a "Money Tree" was well decorated.

We appreciate and love the pastor and his family, Peggy, Lee, Joshua and Amanda, and pray God's blessings upon them.

## LAYMAN'S DAY AT TARBORO CHURCH

Sunday, June 2, was a very special day for First Church, Tarboro. The morning service was conducted by the laymen of the church, with the president, Billy Trevathan, directing the order of services.

The program included recognition of recent graduates, special music by an all male choir, a men's quartet, and a duet.

Brother Elmer Harrell, president of the Central Conference Layman's League, was introduced as the guest speaker and delivered a very inspiring message. The membership of

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## LAYMAN'S LEAGUE PROMOTIONAL BOARD



The State Layman's League Promotional Board met on Tuesday, June 11, at the Headquarters in Ayden. If you would like to organize a Layman's League or receive information about the League, please contact one of the members of the Board.

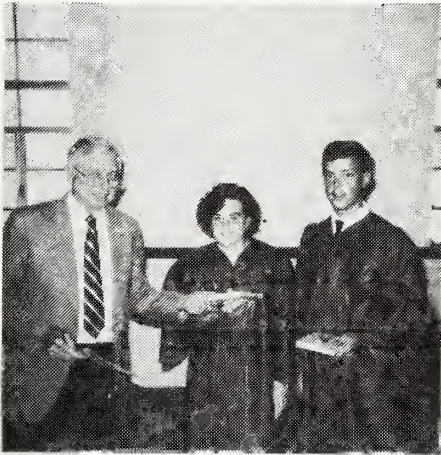
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Larry Hathaway, Francis Smith, Billy Trevathan, and Larry Flowers sang a special during the Layman's Day service.



Tarboro's Layman's League President, Billy Trevathan, presents gifts to two of the church's graduates.



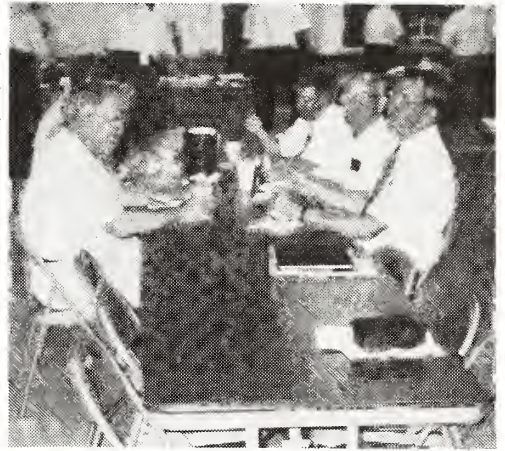
Billy Trevathan, left, with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Harrell.

tunate to have Brother Harrell and his wife as our guests.

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## LAYMAN'S LEAGUE HOLDS ANNUAL CONVENTION

The State Layman's League Convention met on May 17 at Marsh Swamp Church. Mr. and Mrs. Roney Bunn provided special music for the evening and the Rev. Ray Wells, pastor of the host church, gave the devotion. There were 28 present, with four conferences represented (Albemarle, Central, Eastern, and Western). Four pastors were in attendance. After the meeting, the host church served refreshments in the Fellowship Building.



Four pastors were in attendance at the meeting: Leon Harris, Rose Hill Church, Central; C. L. Patrick, White Oak Grove Church, Eastern; Ray Wells, Marsh Swamp Church, Western; and Bruce Dudley, First, Kinston, Eastern.

## ATTENTION, ALL LAYMEN!

Volunteers are needed. The Layman's League has been asked to provide ushers for:

*The Night of Evangelism, Tuesday, September 10*  
*State Convention, Wednesday-Thursday, September 11-12*  
*Missions Rally, Wednesday, September 11*

Those who can help are asked to contact Randy Tyson (340 Pitt County Line Road, Grifton, NC 28530; (919) 524-4863).

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Eagle's Nest

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## FOREIGN MISSIONS DIRECTOR VISITS THE PHILIPPINES

*by Fred Baker*

The director of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, the Rev. Harold Jones, arrived in the Philippines on Sunday night, April 21, at 10:30. He arrived at the Free Will Baptist Headquarters on the island of Palawan at 7:06 a.m. Monday morning to begin a nine-day working agenda with the pastors, Bible women, delegates from the churches, and leaders of the Free Will Baptist Church Philippines.

All pastors, Bible women and employees of the FWBCP gathered at the Puerto Princesa FWB Church for their annual two-day Workers Conference. Their theme this year was "Pressing Toward the Goal." Mr. Jones delivered a powerful message at the Monday night session. Everyone was challenged to be doers of the Word and not hearers only. The Workers Conference was concluded on Tuesday night with a video showing scenes from every church.

Brother Harold had the privilege of giving the opening devotion at the 19th Annual Convention which met on Wednesday and

Thursday. His message on "Principles for Being a Winner" helped set the stage for one of the best conventions ever in the Philippines. Wednesday night Brother Jones again challenged the pastors, Bible women and delegates concerning "Purpose." On Thursday night, Brother Harold helped conclude the convention by presenting licenses to two new pastors and inducting the newly elected Board of Trustees and department directors into office.



Friday provided time for Brother Harold to meet with the old outgoing BOT and the newly installed BOT. Saturday was a slower pace, as we attended a child dedication service of Pastor and Mrs. Nerie Peralta at White Beach. Saturday night dinner was enjoyed at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Diosdado Guian. Sunday morning Brother Harold delivered the morning message at the Shelter Christian Fellowship FWB Church.

Brother Harold consumed all day Monday in meetings with every department director and their assistants. These discussion sessions were encouraging to the Filipinos and enlightening for Brother Harold. Tuesday morning the pace changed as we attended the wedding of Miss Analiza Padilla and Pastor Silverio Eranadio. Tuesday afternoon provided a summary meeting with the BOT and directors.

At seven o'clock Wednesday morning, Brother Harold gathered with friends at the Puerto Princesa Airport to say, "Good-bye," as he left Palawan to return to Manila for his connecting flight back to North Carolina.

Thank you, Brother Harold, for visiting our church and our people. Thank you for the prayers and support of the Board of Foreign Missions and our brethren in the churches of the Convention.

## GRADUATION DAY

*by Mrs. Loida L. Samones*

It is such a blessing to see the wonderful works of God through many years in His institution, the Palawan Bible College. Under the guidance of our Lord, we have an opportunity again to have our eleventh commencement exercises this year.

How wonderful it is after the meaningful hard days of work in the life of the students, with their hardships and struggles during their school days; for the faculty and staff in their eagerness to

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mold the students, and to prepare their lessons, and do the office work, for a year to end successfully. In spite of all these things, we can say, "Thank you, Lord, for all the things you have done!"

God has blessed us this year. We were privileged to have thirteen students graduate. For the Bachelor of Christian Education Major in Christian Ministry we had eight students who satisfactorily completed the course. And for the Associate of Biblical Education degree, we had five students finish the course. Our graduation day was March 26, 1991, on the Palawan Bible College campus, with the theme, "Chosen to Bless Others." On the first day of our program, we had a baccalaureate service. The service was held March 25, 1991, at the Puerto Princesa Free Will Baptist Church. The service started around 6 o'clock in the evening, with many participants, the graduates, parents of the graduates, faculty and staff of the College, pastors, missionaries, and other workers of the Free Will Baptist church present. The purpose of our service was to thank God for His guidance and protection throughout the whole year. "Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people" (1 Chronicles 16:8).

During our baccalaureate service, we also had two students, Bro. Raul Galfo, B.B.E. graduate, and Sister Ronita Guardiano, A.B.E. graduate, share their testimonies of how the Lord has worked in their lives as students. The speaker for our service was Pastor Florencio Arque. He has served as one of the faculty members of the Palawan Bible Institute. He delivered his message entitled "You Are Chosen by God." After the service, we proceeded to the Rengel Garden rooftop for our dinner. We also had some games and singing there. It was a wonderful time of fellowship for each of us.

The next day was our graduation day. It was held at the Palawan Bible College campus. The program started at 7 in the evening. We had processional of the graduates, parents, faculty and staff, speaker, and Board of Trustees. During that time, we can really see the excitement on the face of everyone, especially the graduating students. We can be sure that they have joy in their hearts that they have finished their studies through the help of our loving God. In our program, the welcome address was given by the President of the College, Mrs. Luz de La Rosa. Our speaker was our beloved missionary, the Rev. Fred P. Baker. He brought

his challenging message, where he emphasized C.R.O., meaning conversion, repentance, and obedience. The students who really excelled in their studies were recognized: for the graduates of the Bachelor of Biblical Education program, cum laude, Mrs. Luzviminda Manlangit; academic excellence goes to Mr. Nelson Napila; and for the Associate of Biblical Education, first honor, Mr. Teddy Martinez; second honor, Mr. Reynaldo Manlangit.

We have seen the wonderful things God has done in His institution. We strongly believe that the Lord will continue to pour out His blessing, not only this year but for many years to come.

#### **FOUR DAYS WITH THE LORD**

*by Fred Baker*

The leaders of the Free Will Baptist Church Philippines drew aside from the normal schedule of activities for a special four days of prayer, evaluation and planning. December 4-7 proved to be a very refreshing time.

The meeting was attended by the Free Will Baptist Church Philippines Board of Trustees, the department directors, and the assistant department directors. A strong emphasis was placed on discerning God's plan for the future of the Free Will Baptist Church. After much prayer, a very simple approach was followed. Three basic questions were discussed: (1) Where are we today? (2) Where does God want us to be by the year 2000? (3) What is God's plan for us to get there? The meeting was blessed with good, open participation of those in attendance.

**Where are we today?** The Free Will Baptist Church Philippines consists of twenty-four churches, with an approximate membership of one thousand. The day-to-day operation of the church is controlled by the Board of Trustees and the following nine

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departments: Administration, Education, Evangelism, Missions, Printing, Relief, Retirement and Youth. The Church operates a four-year Bible College to train pastors and Bible women. It also operates a printing shop to help meet its literature needs.

**Where does God want us to be by the year 2000?** The church leaders, after days of prayer and discussion, were unanimous in agreement that God's goal for the FWBCP is to have 200 churches with 20,000 members by the year 2000. The challenge God set before them was accepted at a night service of commitment which concluded with the Lord's Supper. This goal was presented to the Free Will Baptist Annual Convention in April 1991 for its final approval. This aggressive goal embodies 27% annual growth in the number of churches and 40% annual growth in the number of members. The yearly goals are as follows:

YEAR	NO. OF CHURCHES	NO. OF MEMBERS
1991	26	1,000
1992	32	1,400
1993	40	1,960
1994	50	2,744
1995	63	3,841
1996	79	5,377
1997	100	7,527
1998	126	10,538
1999	159	14,753
2000	200	20,000

**What is God's plan for us to get there?** Prayer and sharing of ideas were again the format followed. Because of the time allotted, the fine details will be worked out later by the Board of Trustees, departments, pastors and churches. But the following major ideas were agreed upon: (1) the addition of a full-time bookkeeper to strengthen financial accountability, (2) resources and personnel will be shared by all departments to all fields of operation, (3) sending additional workers to Bicol and Cebu to help open satellite campuses of Palawan Bible College, (4) adoption of the mother/daughter church growth program with an annual growth rate in the number of churches of 27%. This percentage of growth means that every church will reproduce itself by starting a daughter church every four years. And that a daughter church would reproduce itself by its fourth year and every fourth year thereafter. (5) Training and mobilization of every member of every local church to a ministry of worship, prayer, giving and witnessing is a must. (6) We acknowledge total dependence upon God, the Holy Spirit, for guidance and help.

The last decade of the twentieth century may just be the most exciting decade the church has ever known. The F.W.B.C.P. desires to

be on the cutting edge of world evangelization for our Lord. Join us in prayer that we may accomplish this small part that God has given us to do. God not only gives the task; but He gives the plan, the resources and the strength to accomplish it. We need God most of all and we need you to help us as co-laborers together with Christ.

God bless you for your involvement in helping to reach the Philippine Islands for Jesus Christ.

## SPORTSFEST '91

*by Pastor Nerie Peralta*

Once again we are very grateful to God for what He has done during our National Youth Sportfest last April 8-19, 1991. We experienced the abundant blessings of God, both physical and spiritual. The active and enthusiastic participation of all local churches is the manifestation of unity through the works of the Holy Spirit in the life of those who have attended.

The Sportfest was done by districts. The host in the South District was the Abo-Abo Free Will Baptist Church, pastored by Napoleon Dagaraga. There were about nineteen local churches who participated in this district, with sixty-five registered young people plus the personal support of their respective workers.

We started our games with devotions and prayers. We played basketball, volleyball, chess, and displayed talents like drama, comical skits, singing, Bible quiz, memory verses, and etc. There were four teams who participated in the South District. Each team was composed of four different local churches.

The host in the North District was the Charity Free Will Baptist Church, in Itangil, Dumarán, Palawan, pastored by the Rev. Leonardo Buison. Only three churches participated in the games. The games were the same in the South District. There were fifty-five registered young people



that participated, with the workers.

Through these activities, twenty souls came to know our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We encourage everybody to pray for the growth of these new souls as they strive to live in this sinful world. Please pray also for our other activities, especially our youth summer camp. We are praying for the success of this event. We would like to extend our thanks and gratitude to our brethren in North Carolina whom God uses to support His work in the Philippines.

### PRAYER COVENANT

*by Rev. Diosdado Guian*

It has been said "that all spiritual battles are won by bended knees." The FWBCP recognized the fact that today is the time for serious prayer. When the Middle East crisis engulfed the entire world with fear and anxiety, we turned to God in prayer in the Philippines.

It was the month of September 1990, when the workers of the FWBCP made a prayer covenant to pray every day at 5 in the morning. Today it's not only the workers who have made a commitment to pray every morning, but all our churches all over the country. We have agreed that all churches will be opened every morning at 5 to storm the gates of Heaven, praising God for His wonderful love and thanking Him for all the things He has done.

We believe that churches are filled and awakened through prayers, that God will move the world in a way that many will be converted and be drawn closer to Him.

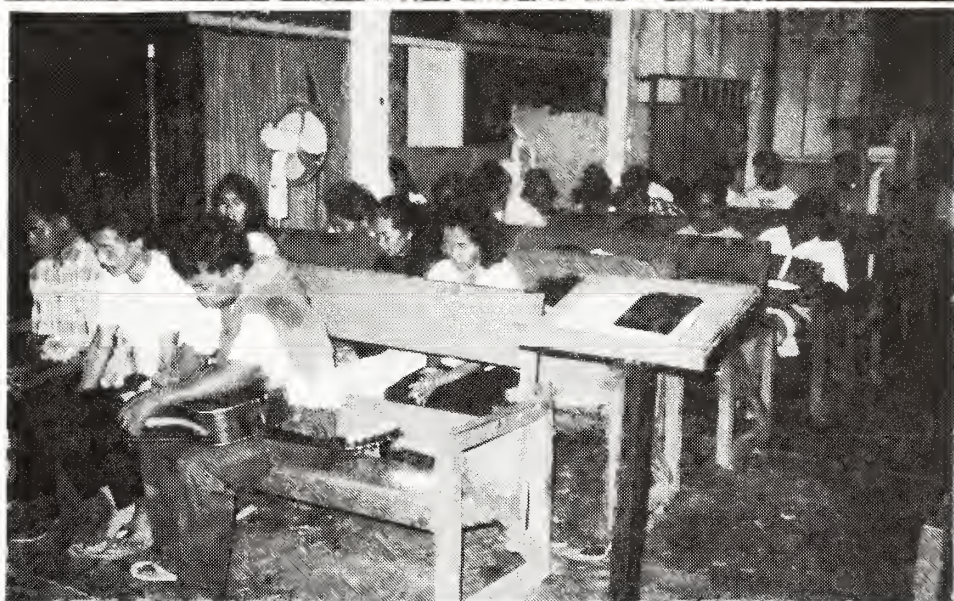
With all humility, every morning we are asking the Lord to bless our goal, that in the year 2000, the FWBCP will have 200 churches and 20,000 members.

To our brothers and sisters in North Carolina and all over the world, we thank you and we want to tell you that we are praying for

you, and that our churches here have been sustained and preserved through your prayers.

We also thank the Rev. Harold

Jones because he assured us that at the same time (though he is in the other part of the globe), he will join us in prayer.

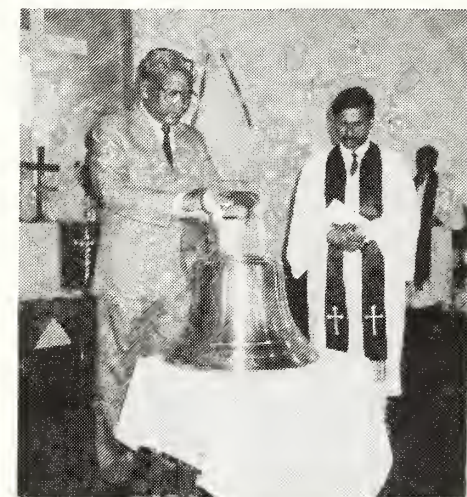
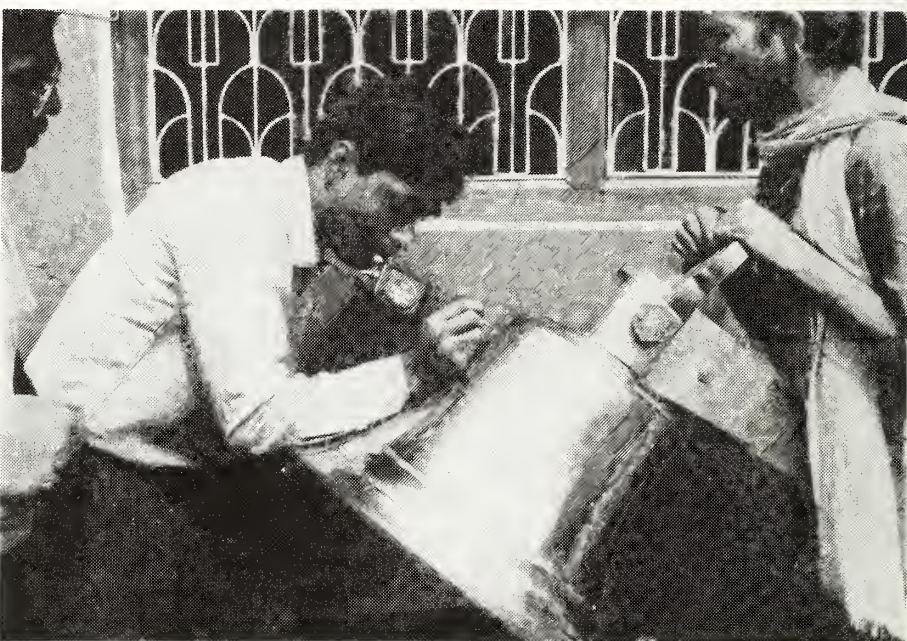
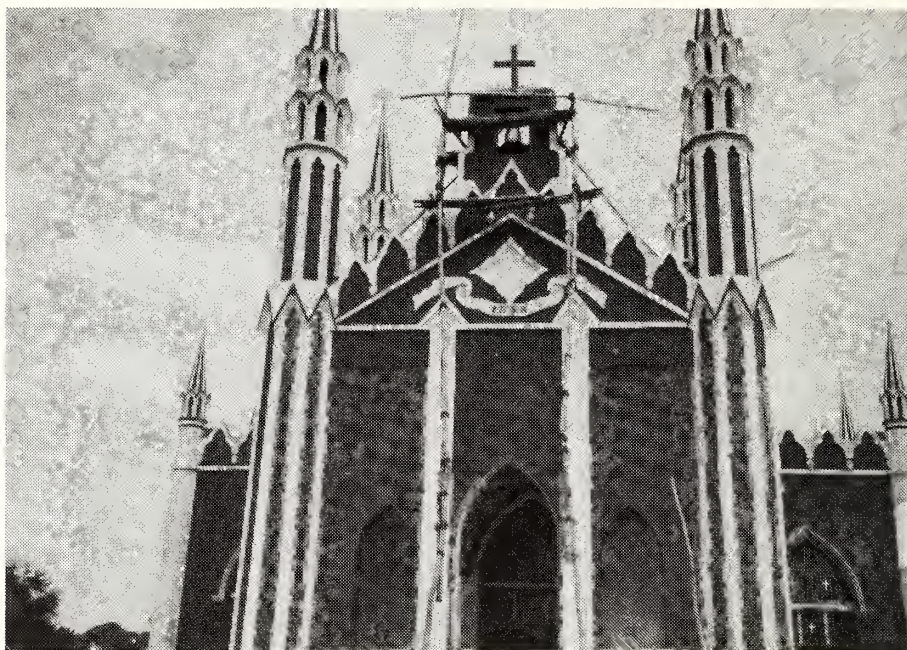




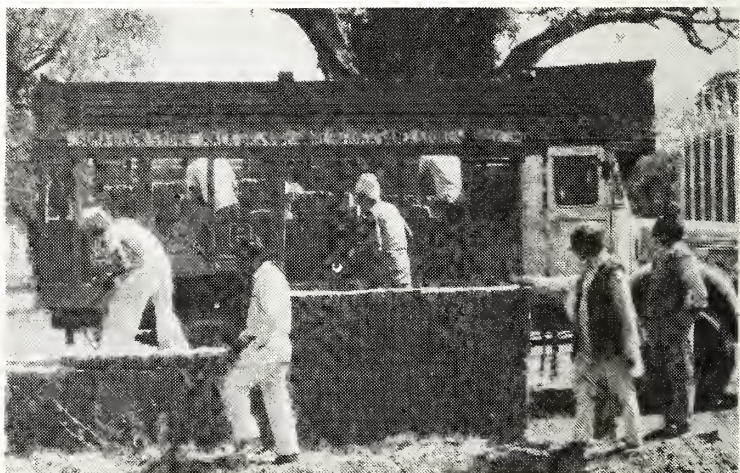
## NEWS FROM INDIA

by Dr. E. M. Lall

The Free Will Baptist Church in India is witnessing manifold blessings from above in the rapid advancement in church growth as well as in all the spheres in carrying out the Great Commission! Indeed, the Christ Church building is one of the blessings which is being extensively repaired and renovated with the help of the Board of Foreign Missions, boosting and encouraging the people of our local congregations to come with some needed gift or the other.



The church bell, weighing 80 kilograms, made of various metals to sound great, costing Rs. 9000.00, was a gift to our church from the Bareilly congregation. It was blessed and installed at the top after engraving thereon, "This bell is the property of the Free Will Baptist Church in India."



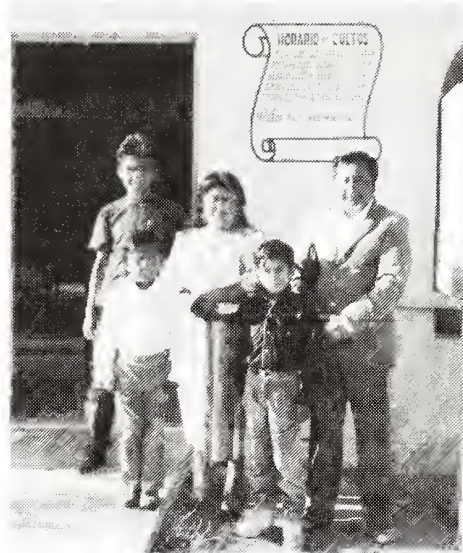
The most inevitable need, the boundary wall of our beautiful Christ Church, Bareilly, is being graciously met by the Board of Foreign Missions. The foundation has been laid by me and the bricks are being unloaded and piled at the site. I hope that if the funds keep coming in, this great project will be completed within two months' time.





Lately we concluded the Bible training program of our deacons and ministers, which was very purposeful. The whole New Testament was the subject taught to them. The questions and answers were interesting and helped to develop knowledge among them. The rural preachers were led to take devotions daily in the morning and at the vesper. This encouraged them and opened their hearts. The Rev. B. R. K. Lal, professor at the theological college of North India, Bareilly, was really kind to conduct the program, with the help of some of us. Training certificates were awarded to all the participants. Four special prizes were given to the best preacher, the most studious, the best camper and the best singer.

### **RAMON LOPEZ, NEW PASTOR IN MEXICO**



Brother Ramon Lopez and his wife, Olga, were baptized into the Ebenezer Free Will Baptist Church in 1985. Both of them are active members of this church. They have been faithful members and are dedicated to the work of the Lord.

In May of 1990, Brother Ramon became a lay-pastor, taking charge of the established mission in the Village Santa Rosa of Jamenes, Coah. He preaches there two days per week, thus keeping together the group of brethren that worship there.

On February 20, 1991, Brother Ramon took charge of the Mission Lily of the Valley in Piedras Negras, Coah. He is very active in the work of the Lord here in Mexico. (Please pray for Ramon and Olga Lopez in this new ministry.)



What is more exciting to us in these months is that even though our deacons and ministers are under threat, they are extremely busy saving lost souls. In these two months, 64 people, comprising of men, women and grown-up girls and boys, have confessed and accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. The local congregations are receiving spiritual strength in transforming lives from paganism to that of the everlasting.





*Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubile to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land. And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubile unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family. A jubile shall that fiftieth year be unto you: ye shall not sow, neither reap that which groweth of itself in it, nor gather the grapes in it of thy vine undressed. For it is the jubile; it shall be holy unto you: ye shall eat the increase thereof out of the field. In the year of this jubile ye shall return every man unto his possession (Leviticus 25:9-13).*

# YEAR OF JUBILEE

To the followers of God in the Old Testament, there was a Year of Jubilee, a year of redemption, a year to rejoice in the fact that all men were "debt free." During the "fiftieth year" in the cycle of years, the Israelites were to be freed of any debt against them. The lands, cattle, or members of the family that had been indentured by borrowing from another person, were returned to the original owner. Then the fifty-year cycle would begin again. Thus, every fifty years the original owners were given their land, cattle or members of their family back.

Cragmont was officially purchased and plans were made to raise \$10,000 to pay for this land in August 1945. In August 1995, Free Will Baptists will have had the property for fifty years.

**Let's make 1995 our "Year of Jubilee" for Cragmont.** This can easily be done if you will join hundreds of other individuals, churches, and organizations over our state by giving \$1,000 to pay the present indebtedness. This is a period of five years. Your gift will help Cragmont become debt free.

Plans are being made and will be announced later for a "Year of Jubilee" celebration to be held during the year 1995. Join your Cragmont Board now and be a part of this year of rejoicing for a "DEBT-FREE" Cragmont in 1995.



## JUBILEE UPDATE

What's keeping you or your church from participating in the Jubilee program to retire Cragmont's debt? Did you realize that we are asking for 400 pledges and have only 132 at the present time? The Jubilee program asks for a pledge of \$1,000 between now and June, 1995. This amounts to \$250 per year, \$20.83 per month, or \$.69 per day. When broken down like this, it is possible to involve more people in getting the indebtedness paid off early, which would save us a great deal of money in interest payments. So often we think of Cragmont as a place for vacation or a place to sleep while visiting the mountains. However, Cragmont is a ministry of the Lord first and to the Free Will Baptist denomination second. The ministry of Cragmont is one of missions and helping people with the daily living of the Christian life. Therefore, since Cragmont is a ministry, it is reasonable to expect our Free Will Baptist churches to lead the way in this pledge program. I believe that every church in the denomination should have made at least one pledge and the balance of the pledges should be made up by individuals. Currently only 45 of the 131 pledges received have been from churches. We need and appreciate the individual pledges, but we certainly had hoped and still hope for churches and church organizations to respond. The future of the Lord's ministry at Cragmont rests in your Christian stewardship. Won't you help?

Joe and Peggy Ingram  
 Gary and Kristie Bailey  
 John and Arlinda Williams  
 Bobby and Jo Ann Pennington  
 Harry and Doris Grubbs  
 Velma and Vera Morris  
 Rick and Joann Watson  
 Grace Barbour  
 John and Arnette Williams  
 Roy and Cheryl Williams  
 Marcel Moore  
 Reed Moore  
 Nellie Pope  
 J. T. Wilson  
 Mrs. J. T. Wilson  
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tripp  
 Essie Huggins  
 Sara Willoughby  
 J. D. and Tempie Jones  
 Jean Moore  
 Becky Jo Sumner  
 Eva Lancaster  
 Leah McGlohon  
 Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Brinson Sr.  
 Bobby and Audrey Taylor  
 Betty Batts  
 Alma Dale  
 Ronnie and Joan Little  
 Nora Dixon and Joan Patterson  
 Marvin and Marilyn Carter  
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 Madge VanHorne and Kathy Cahoon  
 Warren Waters Family  
 Mrs. I. C. Tugwell  
 Roscoe and Peggy Eason  
 James and Dean Gurganus  
 Mr. and Mrs. Roney Bunn Jr.  
 James Hunt  
 Richard and Joyce Bundy  
 Mr. and Mrs. George Burley  
 Helen Beaman  
 Robert and Carol Johnson  
 Frank and Martha Parson  
 Hildred Harrison  
 Blanche House  
 Pennie Parrish and Maxine Benson  
 Linwood and Jewel Smith  
 Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jones  
 The Rev. and Mrs. John Sexton  
 Pearl Johnson Hunt  
 Bruce and Debbie Gray  
 Paul and Teresa Grubbs

Dennis and Dianne Riley  
 Donald and Karen Ribeiro  
 S. W. and Edith McCoy  
 Virginia Hayes  
 Lillian Grubbs  
 Vernon and Linda McCoy  
 Phyllis Stone and family  
 Elmer and Nan Harrell  
 William and Bettie Lynch  
 McCoy and Faye Sumner  
 Wesley and Judy Rowe  
 Johnnie and Ann Parker  
 Gerald and Kay Tugwell  
 J. T. and Eleanor Trevathan  
 Bobby and Sylvia Johnson  
 Mary Brewer  
 Dwight and Dorothy Wall  
 Jimmy and Luanne Holland  
 Danny and Del Daniels Jr.  
 The Rev. and Mrs. Willis Wilson  
 Ed and Brenda Thornton  
 Jeff and Wanda Daughtry  
 Wesley and Kaye Beddard  
 Carroll and Eleanor Hawkins  
 Mr. and Mrs. Lee Morton Jernigan  
 Mr. and Mrs. Blanie Moyer  
 Marvin and Berta Edwards  
 Charles and Teresa Ball  
 George and Helen Coates  
 Ed Miles  
 Frank Harrison  
 Wayne and Deborah King  
 Bill and Becky Boswell  
 Anonymous  
 Ladies Sunday School Class of  
 Friendship, Central  
 Core Point Chapel  
 Ayden  
 Stancil's Chapel YFA  
 Friendship Woman's Auxiliary, Western  
 Sound Side Adult Sunday School Class  
 Stancil's Chapel Woman's Auxiliary  
 Little Rock  
 White Oak Grove  
 Whaley's Chapel  
 Saints Delight  
 Piney Grove Ladies Auxiliary  
 Sincere Sunday School Class, Unity  
 Unity  
 White Oak Ladies Auxiliary, Pee Dee  
 Pleasant Grove Woman's Auxiliary,  
 Cape Fear

August Woman's Conference  
 Trinity  
 Black Jack Ladies Auxiliary  
 Winterville Sunday School  
 Elm Grove Ladies Auxiliary  
 Saint Mary's, Western  
 Rock of Zion Woman's Auxiliary  
 Christian Fellowship Class, Winterville  
 Free Union Woman's Auxiliary, Albemarle  
 Piney Grove Young Adult Sunday School  
 Class, Western  
 Albemarle Woman's Auxiliary  
 Westside  
 Greenville, First, Woman's Auxiliary  
 Joe Hudson Sunday School Class,  
 Black Jack  
 Winterville  
 Trinity Ladies Auxiliary  
 Hickory Grove Ladies Auxiliary  
 Christian Crusaders Sunday School Class,  
 Black Jack  
 Hickory Chapel Auxiliaries  
 Saint Mary's Grove Ladies Auxiliary  
 Goldsboro, First, Woman's Auxiliary  
 Sherron Acres  
 Young Adult Sunday School Class,  
 Lee's Chapel  
 Wilson, First, Woman's Auxiliary  
 Miriam Lamm's Sunday School Class,  
 Kenly, First  
 Micro  
 Tarboro, First  
 Gennie Mae Auxiliary, Mount Tabor,  
 Albemarle  
 Little Rock Woman's Auxiliary  
 Johnston Union  
 Scott and Janie Sowers

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Will you join those  
 listed above? Send your  
 response to: Cragmont  
 Assembly, 1233 North  
 Fork Road, Black  
 Mountain, NC 28711.

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# 1991 CAMP VANDEMERE SCHEDULE

Send Applications to Director Desired.

All Camps Are for All Ages.

## JULY 1-5 FIRST YOUTH CAMP

Mrs. Eva Mae Clark, Director  
465 Half Moon Road  
New Bern, NC 28560  
Phone (919) 637-5346

## JULY 29—AUGUST 2 THIRD YOUTH CAMP

The Rev. Stanley Buck, Director  
108 Hope Lodge Street  
Tarboro, NC 27886  
Phone (919) 832-3964

## JULY 15-19 SECOND YOUTH CAMP

The Rev. Franklin Baggett, Director  
Route 2, Box 1970  
Belhaven, NC 27810  
Phone (919) 964-4402

## AUGUST 12-16 FOURTH YOUTH WEEK

Mr. Jerry Stephenson, Director  
2312 Highway 70-East  
Clayton, NC 27520  
Phone (919) 553-0556

For reservations for camp, contact Ralph Sumner at Route 2, Box 332-D, Pink Hill, NC 28572; or phone (919) 298-5885. Fees: \$50 per week, plus \$5 activity fee (may vary with each director). Overnight: \$5 per night; mobile campers \$5 per site (no hookups); \$10 with hookups to water and electricity. Meals: Breakfast \$2.50, lunch \$3.00, dinner \$3.50.

## APPLICATION FOR CAMP VANDEMERE

Fill out completely and mail to Director in charge of the week you prefer, along with a \$10 deposit (non-refundable). The remainder will be due upon arrival at camp.

Name of Camper \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Completed \_\_\_\_\_  
Week of Camp Desired \_\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_

I give my permission for my child to participate in all activities at Camp except those noted below:

\_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

(Parent's or Guardian's Permission)

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, the undersigned am the [ ] parent or [ ] legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ and hereby authorize Camp Vandemere, Inc., in case of an emergency, to take my child to the doctor or hospital for treatment.

My signature will further authorize the hospital or licensed doctor to administer treatment in case of an emergency.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

(It is understood that I will be contacted by telephone if at all possible.)

Phone number where I can be reached \_\_\_\_\_

Has your child had a tetanus shot? \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_

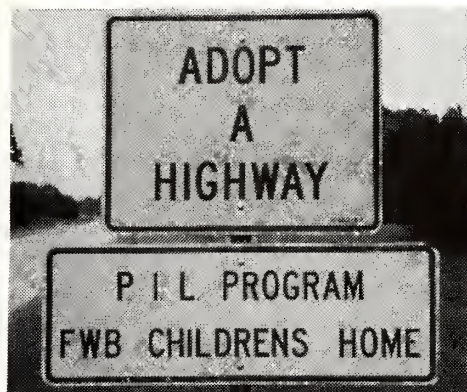
Is your child allergic to penicillin? \_\_\_\_\_ Other drugs? \_\_\_\_\_

Bee stings, poison ivy, poison oak, etc.? \_\_\_\_\_

Other allergies? \_\_\_\_\_



# **CHILDREN'S HOME PARTICIPATES IN ADOPT-A- HIGHWAY PROGRAM**



The members of the Preparation for Independent Living Program at the Free Will Baptist Children's Home are participants in the Adopt-A-Highway program with the North Carolina Department of Transportation. The young people are responsible for keeping two miles of Highway 264 clean and free of litter. The two miles are east of Highway 231 toward Bailey.

The endeavor was initiated by Gary, a high school senior and future student at UNC-Wilmington. Gary is president of the Preparation for Independent Living Program.

The purpose of the Adopt-A-Highway program is to create public involvement to maintain cleaner and more beautiful highways. This is accomplished by individuals and groups who volunteer to pick up litter at least four times a year along a section of highway.

The Department of Transportation provides a safety meeting and video presentation with the workers, the signs (as seen in the photo), trash sacks, and safety vests. They also remove the trash sacks from the highway.

Gwen Ballard, social worker to the Preparation for Independent Living Program, serves as representative to the Department of Transportation. Gwen is coordinating the Adopt-A-Highway program with the young people and their houseparents and is present during the clean-up.

The young people are concerned about the environment and are doing their part to preserve the earth.

## **SCHOOL AWARDS BANQUET HELD AT CHILDREN'S HOME**

The fourth annual School Awards Banquet was held in Heritage Hall on the campus of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home on May 27, 1991. Those receiving awards received a tee shirt with the name of the award printed on the shirt. Below is a list of the young people and the

awards they received.

Most Improved Conduct  
Best Conduct

Eugene  
Michelle  
Denise  
Jimmy

Most Improved Grades  
Best Grade Point Average

Mar Lynn  
Mary Ann  
Gary

Best Mathematician  
Future Scientist  
Best Historian  
Best English Grades  
Most Athletic

Jamie  
April  
Jamie  
Mary Ann  
Trese  
Brian  
Heather

Perfect Attendance  
I survived Southern Nash  
Class of 1991

Gary and  
Allyson

## **SHILOH CHURCH VISITS CHILDREN'S HOME**



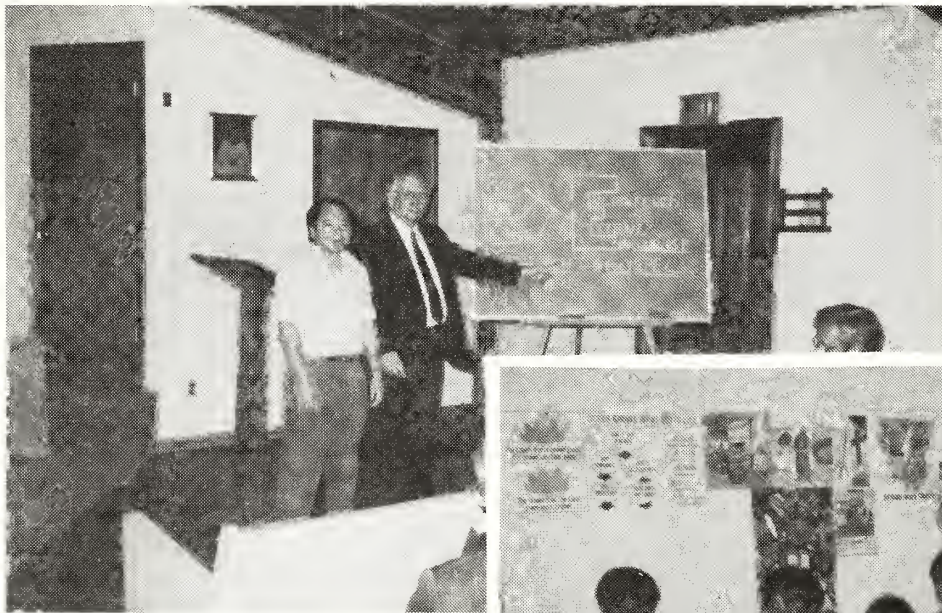
On Saturday, May 25, 1991, fourteen members of Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church visited their child care ministry and enjoyed a tour of the campus. Many of the guests had never been to the Children's Home before and they had many questions about child care today. John Windley is shown presenting Bibles and dictionaries to Jeff Daughtry, director of church and public relations, which will be used by the children.



## HANSLEY MEETS WITH WASHINGTON CONGREGATION

The Rev. David C. Hansley, director of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptist Home Missions and Evangelism ministry, recently traveled to Spokane, Washington, to take part in a Christian Leadership Seminar. The seminar was conducted for the benefit of a newly organized Lao Evangelical congregation which the Convention mutually sponsors with the General Baptists.

Dr. Leland Duncan, General Baptist Executive Director for Home Missions and Evangelism; the Rev. David C. Hansley, the Rev. Bob Harber, Pong Lori.



One of Mr. Hansley's responsibilities was a one-hour lecture each evening on evangelism. Mr. Hansley is shown here with his translator.

After teaching each evening, Mr. Hansley had a two-hour session with the children.







Dr. Leland Duncan, the Rev. Bob Harber, missionary to the Lao Evangelical Church; the Rev. David C. Hansley, and Pong Lori enjoy a Lao dinner. Mr. Lori serves as pastor of the Spokane congregation which began worshipping in January. There are approximately 80 members in this new congregation.

Be sure to notice the chopsticks!



Pong is shown here with his wife, Polo. He is H'mong; she is Lao.



Polo happily prepares dinner for the gentlemen.

Be sure to check the mailing address found on the label of this publication. If the address is incorrect, please notify the staff by writing Box 159, Ayden, NC 28513; or phoning (919) 746-6128.

**JULY IS CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MONTH.**

Remember the Ministries of MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE and  
the SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD in your prayers.



## RETIREMENT HOMES PREPARES TO OFFER GROUP CARE

by Walter Sutton



Recently the Retirement Homes purchased the building and land pictured here. The building is situated on a  $1\frac{1}{2}$  acre lot located at 121 Power Street, Ayden, NC. This property is located diagonally across from land already owned by Retirement Homes.

It is our plan, after renovation work is completed, to establish a Group Care Center for our retired families. Please understand: we will not offer skilled nursing or intermediate care. We will offer supervision for those who may at times need it. For the most part, those whom we will admit will be able to do for themselves. The building, when open, will house not more than twelve people. Ap-

plication forms for residency are presently being prepared. We have already received several inquiries. We would appreciate yours. As our opening day draws near, those who have inquired or expressed their interest in being admitted will be notified.

Since 1975, Retirement Homes has offered and provided community-based homes or apartments for many families. Presently eleven families are enjoying these in Ayden, Middlesex, Seven Springs, Selma, Smithfield and Winterville, NC. In the latter years of the 1980s, we initiated our monthly cash payments and began to offer placement services for those who needed both residence and constant supervision.

Presently we have two families receiving our monthly cash payment and one person in placement services.

The addition to this, the Group Care Center will enable Retirement Homes to increase its services to more retired families who are inquiring and requesting our help. We request your prayer and gift support as we enter into this new field of care for the retired. We would be happy to visit with your church or auxiliary at a time of your convenience and share more information about Retirement Homes and its continuing ministry to the retired.

Call or write to our office today and request a visit by the director to your church.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST



# 1991 Ministers' Institute

## "Pastoral Care and Preaching"

**Mount Olive College**

**Monday, August 5**

**and**

**Tuesday, August 6**

**9:30 a.m. Room 111**

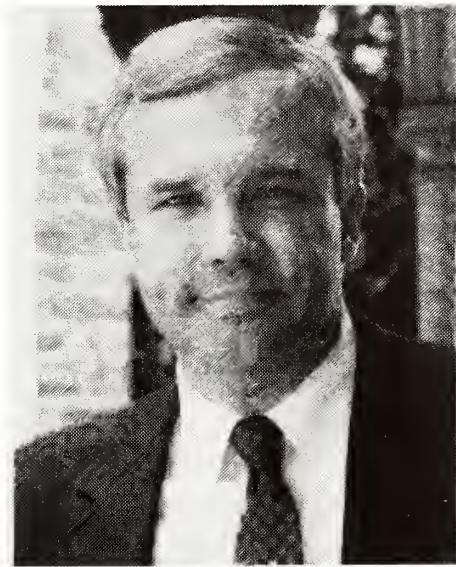
**Henderson Building**

**Featuring**

**Dr. William H. Willimon**

**Dean of the Chapel**

**Duke University**



### *Schedule of Events*

#### **Monday - August 5**

8:45-9:30 a.m.	-	Refreshments - Registration
9:30-10:30 a.m.	-	"Pastoral Care and Church Growth" The Reverend Craig Simmons
10:30 - 11:00 a.m.	-	Break
11:00 - 12 Noon	-	"Ministry to Broken Families" The Reverend Bobby Taylor
12 Noon - 1:30 p.m.	-	Lunch
1:30 - 2:15 p.m.	-	"Ministry to Senior Citizens" The Reverend Preston Smith
2:15 - 2:30 p.m.	-	Break
2:30 - 3:15 p.m.	-	"Pastoral Care - Opportunity and Challenge" Dr. DeWayne Eakes

#### **Tuesday - August 6**

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	-	"The Bible in Preaching" Dr. William H. Willimon
10:30 - 11:00 a.m.	-	Break
11:00 - 12 Noon	-	"The Bible in Preaching" Dr. William H. Willimon
12 Noon - 1:30 p.m.	-	Lunch
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	-	"The Making of An Effective Speaker" Mr. Anthony E. Hatcher
2:30 - 2:45 p.m.	-	Break
2:45 - 3:30 p.m.	-	"Preaching to the Needs of Real People" The Reverend Steven V. Sprinkle

Registration is \$10.00 per person.

Spouses are encouraged to attend at no charge.

Lunch is planned in the college cafeteria at \$3.50 per person.

Make checks payable to N.C. Ministerial Association.

A reply is requested by Tuesday, July 30.

For additional information, contact Frank R. Harrison, Chaplain  
Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365, Telephone (919) 658-2502.



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# ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

## TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARDS



TEACHER OF CHILDREN  
(Nursery—Grade 6)

TEACHER OF YOUTH  
(Grades 7—12)

TEACHER OF ADULTS  
(All others)

The Teacher of the Year Awards is a program to honor outstanding Sunday School teachers. This program is revised and replaces any preceding nominating forms or packets. The Board felt that a less cumbersome procedure would be more acceptable and applicable. The procedure to nominate a teacher is the same for each category (an adult should help with the Children or Youth nominations).

Please be specific in every statement and/or response you write as you follow these guidelines.

**I. Any Sunday School Class/Council/Representative** may submit a nomination for Teacher of the Year Award. In your nomination please include:

1. Why you offer this person to be the Children or Youth or Adult Teacher of the Year.
2. Specifics about the teacher's
  - Teaching methods,
  - Being prepared,
  - Student involvement,
  - Instructional materials,
  - Inspirational influence,
  - Involvement with students outside class time.

**II. Nominee**

1. Should include the following information in a brief statement:
  - Number of years taught,
  - Objectives and goals,
  - If certified by F.W.B. Teacher Certification Program,
  - Attendance at Teacher Workshops, Sunday School Institutes, Self Preparation, and other study courses,
  - Other additional pertinent information.
2. Should be prepared to offer an acceptance speech (two to three minutes).

**III. Pastor**

The pastor should offer comments relating to the nominee's Christian character.

**Deadline is August 10, 1991!** All nominations should be received by this date.

Mail the nomination to: Teacher of the Year  
Sunday School Board  
P.O. Box 39  
Ayden, North Carolina 28513



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# SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Superintendent of the Year is a program to honor outstanding Sunday School Superintendents. This program is revised and replaces any preceding nominating forms or packets. The Board felt that a less cumbersome procedure would be more acceptable and applicable.

Please be specific in every statement and/or response you write as you follow these guidelines.

**I. Any Sunday School Class/Council/Representative** may submit a nomination for the Superintendent of the Year Award. In your nomination please include:

1. Why you offer this person to be the Superintendent of the Year.
2. Specifics about the superintendent's
  - Leadership,
  - Being prepared,
  - Inspirational influence,
  - Involvement with Sunday School other than assembly,
  - Rapport with Sunday School teachers and officers,
  - Direction for the Sunday School's teaching methods/staffing.

**II. Nominee**

1. Should include the following information in a brief statement:
  - Number of years as superintendent,
  - Objectives and goals.
  - If certified by F.W.B. Superintendent Certification Program,
  - Attendance at Sunday School Workshops and Institutes, Self Preparation, and other study courses,
  - Additional thoughts, feelings, or experiences in being a superintendent which you feel are important.
2. Should be prepared to offer an acceptance speech (two to three minutes).

**III. Pastor**

The pastor should offer comments relating to the nominee's Christian character.

**Deadline is August 10, 1991!** All nominations should be received by this date.

Mail the nomination to: Superintendent of the Year  
Sunday School Board  
P.O. Box 39  
Ayden, North Carolina 28513

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TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARDS  
and  
SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD BANQUET  
September 6, 1991  
Daniels Chapel Church, Wilson, NC  
Friday, 7:00 P.M.





## MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE CONTINUES TO SAIL

Oliver Wendell Holmes said it:  
"I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving . . . we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it,—but we must sail, not drift, nor lie at anchor."

Dr. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, included that quotation at the bottom of a little one-page summary of two decades of progress at the institution.

In 1954, Mount Olive had 22 students. Today it has 321. Its staff 20 years ago totaled 11 members. Today the figure is 75.

The annual payroll in 1954 was \$20,000. Today it is \$635,000.

The operating budget has jumped from \$48,000 to \$1.2 million!

And the physical facilities are valued at \$3.5 million today compared to \$45,000 just 20 years ago. Total assets of the school are \$4 million—up 8,788 per cent in two decades.

Mount Olive College has on occasion had to sail against the wind, but more often with the wind. Under inspired leadership and with dedicated support from within the school and throughout the area, it has never drifted, never stood at anchor.

Reprinted from *Goldsboro News-Argus*, January 17, 1975.

## A LOOK BACKWARD: REMEMBER WHERE WE HAVE BEEN . . .

### THRESHOLD OF A NEW ERA FOR MOC

The *Road to Excellence* program, launched at Mount Olive College, is a significant event in the history of that institution and a large segment of eastern North Carolina.

With characteristic vision and optimism, the College's president, Dr. Burkette Raper, has come up with a \$10 million fund-raising campaign for the next five years, (1990-95).

The bulk of the money will go toward improving the educational services of the college which has a phenomenal record academically and in campus development.

While the \$10 million might appear, at first blush, to be ambitious, it is not out of line with the support growth the college has been experiencing.

The plan was not crafted by Dr. Raper alone. In putting it together he drew on the expertise and counsel of a cross section of people respected for their knowledge, leadership and credentials.

And look at the impressive team that has come together to serve as campaign steering committee.

Former Governor Jim Hunt Jr., is Development Council chairman. Co-chairing the effort will be David Weil and former Senator Lindsay C. Warren Jr., of Goldsboro. Serving on their committee are Felix Harvey of Kinston, Senator Wendell Murphy, E. J. Pope Jr. and Milford Quinn.

Mr. Hunt, whose father chaired the Mount Olive College Board for many years, is not just lending the prestige of his name to the effort. He has approached the assignment with enthusiasm and the full intention of making contacts across the state in behalf of the college's "Road to Excellence" campaign. That enthusiasm is shared by fellow committee members and many others who have heard the program outlined.

Reprinted from the *Goldsboro News-Argus*, April 2, 1990.





## MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE AND DR. W. BURKETTE RAPER A reflection

by Patti O'Donoghue  
MOC Director of Public Information

An extraordinary story was taking shape during the summer of 1954. With \$6.17 in the treasury for higher education and a background of indifference and subtle opposition, the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists had purchased the previous year an abandoned elementary school building in the town of Mount Olive, North Carolina—on credit for \$25,000. The purpose was to open a liberal arts college in eastern North Carolina, the “heartland” of the Free Will Baptist denomination.

Under the guidance of the Convention’s Board of Education and the Rev. James A. Evans, director of Public Relations, the search began for a leader of the fledgling institution. On a hot afternoon in July, 1954, the late Rev. David W. Hansley, chairman of the Board, visited the Rev. W. Burkette Raper, pastor of Hull Road Church, near Snow Hill, and asked him to accept the presidency of the new college.

Hansley felt Mr. Raper possessed the desired personal and educational qualities. A graduate of Duke University and the Duke Divinity School, he was already serving as promotional director of the State Convention.

“I asked for time to discuss the matter with my wife, with Hull Road Church, and to seek God’s guidance,” wrote Dr. Raper thirty years later. “I felt then, and I feel now, that what happens in education will determine the character and future of the Free Will Baptist Church.”

The 26-year-old minister had already inspected the building and later recorded his impressions.

“The scene my wife and I saw as we walked through the building is still vivid in my mind: fallen plaster, sagging floors, debris everywhere, cracked blackboards, broken windows, evidence of a leaking roof, the old table in the ‘soup kitchen,’ an empty boiler room and unkept grounds,” he wrote.

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The decrepit building was not the only problem facing the new college. Shadows loomed in the background: the covert opposition of Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, and many of its North Carolina alumni; an indifference toward education; and the question as to whether Free Will Baptists had the leadership and resources for a program of higher education.

On August 2, 1954, Dr. Raper, with no prior leadership experience in higher education, began his duties as president—without faculty, facilities, funds or students. A man of tremendous faith, Dr. Raper faced the “impossible” journey with determination and vision.

## THE VISION

“We had to have a vision,” wrote Blanche Hargrove Jarrett, Dr. Raper’s first secretary. “We had little else to go on. The salary wasn’t great enough to entice anyone and the physical plant certainly wasn’t a showcase, so a vision was what we worked with. When you walk into an office with one file cabinet, one typewriter and furniture that Dr. Raper described as “one notch above orange crates” and someone tells you this is the beginning of a college, you work with a vision.”

Funds were borrowed to prepare and equip the building. The new president “moved into the same room where my office was,” remembered Mrs. Jarrett, “and worked from that space until the Tadlock brothers finished renovating a space for him mid-way down the hall . . . we installed a telephone extension to his office. We were big-time—we now had two full time employees, one telephone line and two telephones,” she wrote.

A faculty was assembled, and in September, 22 students were enrolled. The two-year college still had no library, no endowment, and very little income. However, Dr. Raper worked vigorously to establish a college with a sound liberal arts program that would most significantly contribute to the development of the Free Will Baptist Church. He avoided narrow sectarianism by focusing on Christian values and fostering an educational climate which encourages students to think and make responsible decisions.

Mrs. Jarrett recalled the early faculty, “Mrs. Grace Quinn Carlton, Mrs. Dixie Sugg Hart, Alton Dail, Betty and Frank Hawkins—to mention a few. They were hired, had to develop curricula and get things going. By the grace of God . . . Mount Olive Junior College opened its doors at the appointed time.”

She listed other names—Rusty’s Restaurant in Mount Olive, where the students took their meals that first semester; Mrs. Hansley, “confidant, cook, mother, friend, seamstress”; Dupree, the janitor, “coming to work at 3 a.m.” to stoke the furnace; the Rev. M. L. Johnson, treasurer of the College, dispensing \$15 for “unexpected emergencies”; numerous “unsung heroes,” and the librarian, Mildred Council.

All colleges need a library. “We got books wherever we could. I remember boxes of used books,” wrote Mrs. Jarrett. “Mrs. Council would go through them with the anticipation of a child at Christmas. She knew . . . that a library needed a certain number of cataloged books before the college could pass the accreditation committee . . . faithful patrons also donated money . . . the Moyer family was most gracious in this respect.”



(Photo by Lynn Wooten.)





## COMMITMENT, TIME, AND ENERGY

Dr. Raper continued to invest his commitment, time, and energy. He strenuously cultivated a passion for higher education among Free Will Baptists. Spending long hours "on the road," he increased awareness of the potential of the College within the denomination and the community. Gift support started to come—ever so slowly.

In February of 1956, the heavy schedule of teaching, administrative responsibilities and financial campaigning took its toll. Dr. Raper suffered a coronary thrombosis which incapacitated him for the remainder of the school year.

During the 1957-58 academic year, additional faculty members had been added and the enrollment reached 100 for the first time. The road was steep, but the young president worked that much harder moving Mount Olive College toward becoming an "institution of educational excellence that could make a lasting contribution to mankind."

Every step of Mount Olive's progress was contested by vocal and at times hostile dogmatic critics of the College. They argued that the institution should not seek private gifts from local citizens unless they were Free Will Baptists. Even though ninety-nine percent of Free Will Baptists entered non-ministerial occupations and professions, these critics wanted only ministers and missionaries to be educated at the College. The list of objections was considerable; and from 1958 to 1960, animosity toward the College and Dr. Raper was openly manifested.

No matter how great were the objections, the campaign for full accreditation as a two-year institution was moving with all possible haste. December 1, 1960, became the "greatest day in the history of Mount Olive Junior College." Accreditation was granted by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools less than seven years after its \$6.17 beginning.

The young president continued to promote the liberal arts program, and soon the College was "bursting at the seams." The 1960s and 1970s found Mount Olive College in the midst of construction. An academic building, men's and women's dormitories, the library, chapel and student center were built on



a new campus, just one mile from the original building.

In days of budget constraints and college closings, it would seem that Mount Olive College had advanced to the best it could be. But the vision never failed; and in 1977, the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists asked Dr. Raper to begin the development of a four-year program.

## BUILDING THE FOUR-YEAR PROGRAM

"The development of Mount Olive into a senior college is a task equal to beginning the College. The building of a four-year program will require as much time and energy as did the establishing of the College," wrote Dr. Raper in 1984. "It is an awesome responsibility, but the need for a senior college today is no less urgent than was the need for a junior college in 1954."

The four-year program didn't just happen. Under Dr. Raper's leadership, it was made to happen. The College conducted an institutional self-study, new degree programs were developed, faculty members pursued advanced degrees, and additional faculty holding doctorates were brought to the College. Computer labs were equipped for student use, and most administrative areas of the College became computerized.

In 1984, the \$3.5 million athletic/civic center, College Hall, was opened. Two apartment complexes were constructed to accommodate upperclassmen. New sports were added to the athletic program, and the Trojan teams joined the ranks of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Today, the original building is still in use, but the main campus of the College is located on a beautiful 110-acre site with ten modern buildings, representing a replacement value in excess of \$12 million. The 50,000th volume has been added to the library collection, with a new goal of 100,000. The endowment has passed \$5.5 million. The College has the best faculty in its history.

"I suppose one has to have been where we were in the 1950s to fully appreciate what the new campus means," remembered Mrs. Jarrett. "Now, instead of my lone office and one lone desk. I can't begin to count the secretaries, computers, Xerox machines, telephones, thermostats on the walls, beautiful and worshipful chapel, gymnasium, tennis courts, spacious dorms, and the list goes on."

Gift support has risen from \$33,689 during the 1954-55 academic year to nearly \$2 million in 1990-91. The Free Will Baptist Church, with a membership of 35,000, demonstrated its overwhelming support of the College by contributing over \$819,294 last year. North Carolina Free Will Baptists have one of the highest records of per capita giving to a college of any organized group in this entire region.

On May 10, 1986, Dr. Raper, the longest-tenured

college president in the United States, watched proudly as the largest graduating class in the history of the College assembled in College Hall. Among the candidates were 50 seniors who would receive the first baccalaureate degrees ever conferred at Mount Olive College.

## EXPANDING HORIZONS

There never was any question of stopping, or even pausing, after the College received accreditation as a four-year institution. The vision continued, and the spirit still moves the College toward an ever-expanding horizon.

Mount Olive College is seeking to achieve a level of educational excellence unsurpassed by any college of its size. A master plan of the campus is being developed that outlines the growth of Mount Olive for years to come.

A \$10 million "Road to Excellence" campaign, launched in 1989, has exceeded the \$6 million mark. A new administrative building, nearing completion, will be occupied in August of this year. Ground-breaking for a \$2 million dining hall on the main campus is scheduled for September 1991, with projected completion by fall 1992.

"Education is an industry—an industry for human development," said Dr. Raper at a recent meeting of the Industrial Committee of 100 in the town of Mount Olive. "We will not have business and industry unless we have people prepared."

And prepared they are. A few hours spent in the area produces Mount Olive College graduates who are making significant contributions. Psychology majors work in social studies—mental health, detention counseling. Recreation/leisure studies majors are found in parks and recreation programs and the Family Y. Business majors work in accounting, real estate, auditing. Religion majors serve as pastors and missionaries, and others lead music and youth programs. Visual communication majors design and produce publications with skills learned in the College "Mac Lab." The list is endless.

Dr. Raper also holds a larger vision for MOC's graduates. "We must also educate our students to compete in a global economy and for world-wide citizenship," he said. "If education fails to meet the challenge, then the United States will find itself having to import the brain power to operate our technology."

That special ingredient of leadership which Dr. Raper provides, as well as the many friends of the College, have brought Mount Olive to its present position. Mrs. Jarrett probably summed it up best.

"A visit to the campus after a number of years is a real experience. The word that comes immediately to mind and lingers is 'overwhelming.' The College is a monument to the impossible and a manifestation of faith on the part of many people."



# MOC HAS PLAYED BIG ROLE IN WOMAN'S LIFE

*The college is like home to us. We are a part of it. We have seen students come and students go, buildings go up and become useful.—ROSE RAPER*



Rose Raper spends a quiet moment in the library at Mount Olive College.

*by Winkie Lee*  
News-Argus Feature Editor  
May 7, 1989

Rose Mallard Raper shows a series of pictures displayed in her home and speaks proudly of her family—her husband, Dr. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College; her six children; and her five grandchildren.

In addition to the human members, there is one other—Mount Olive College.

After being associated with the educational institution for 35 years and watching its growth, she feels the school is a part of her and her family. All of her children graduated from MOC and her husband is in his 35th year as its president.

"The College is like home to us," she says. "We feel that it's a part of us. We have seen students come and students go, buildings go up and become useful."

As has been true with a number of organizations, such as Scouting, with which Mrs. Raper has been involved, her work with the College began as a way to help her family, which she identifies as the most important part of her life.

Her husband, a minister, was asked to serve as MOC's president in 1954 when the school was moved to eastern North Carolina. The College is sponsored by the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

It initially was located in the abandoned Mount Olive Elementary School, 209 North Breazeale Avenue, which now serves as the old campus.

"We had about 35,000 members in our denomination and they wanted this school very much," she recalls. "They simply needed a leader."

The growth the school has seen has been very dramatic. For those involved, it almost has seemed to evolve, to some degree, on its own, she says.

"We were (all) very busy trying to see that every day was a successful day in the life of the College," Mrs. Raper points out.

The beginnings were very humble. Mrs. Raper and other Free Will Baptists helped in ways beyond writing checks and attending meetings.

Much of the work was manual. The Trenton native remembers joining with members of various Free Will Baptist churches to sweep floors and clean

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bathrooms. "We did whatever was needed," she says.

She pitched in as a secretary and even as a cook. Looking back to the end of the school's first year, Mrs. Raper smiles as she recalls the day she and business teacher Dixie Hart of Snow Hill prepared the Sunday afternoon meal in the cafeteria for the school's students.

"The pots were so heavy it took both of us to carry them!" she points out.

Over the years, Mrs. Raper has been one of those who has watched and participated in the school growing from an institution with no faculty, no endowment, no library and a meager facility to an 11-building campus located on 110 acres around Henderson Street. The buildings include apartments and dormitories.

She speaks with a quiet pride about the May 10, 1986, ceremony which marked the graduation of the school's first four-year class.

"It gives me goose bumps to think about it," she says with a smile. "It was very exciting. I knew that (the achievement) had required a commitment from my husband as president and many teachers and supporters of the College. It had required a full-time commitment."

Ask Mrs. Raper the advantages for a student who attends MOC and she is quick to respond.

"You can get one-on-one attention. All of our students are taught by exceptional faculty members and the student life program tries to help students in their total development, not just their classroom development."

When asked to predict the College's future, she talks about seeing a Student Center built and in operation. She predicts there will be a house food service and other amenities that students need, a fine arts building and an administration building in which all administration offices can be located.

Mrs. Raper has long been interested in education. A graduate

(and the valedictorian) of Trenton High School, she earned her bachelor's degree in business education at East Carolina Teachers' College (now East Carolina University) in May 1951.

The following August she married Burkette Raper who served as minister to Howell Swamp Church in Walstonburg and Hull Road Church in Snow Hill prior to becoming president of Mount Olive College.

The couple has six children. Olivia Best is a secretary in Student Affairs at MOC and lives in Mount Olive. Kristie Bailey lives in Goldsboro and teaches the third grade at Brogden Primary. She has a master's degree from Campbell University.

Burke Raper is a musician in Durham and serves as organist for Grace Baptist Church. He is pursuing his master's degree at Southeastern Seminary at Wake Forest University.

Elizabeth Hood, a registered nurse, works in X-ray and cardiology at Craven County Hospital and lives in New Bern. Stephen Raper lives in Naples, FL, and is a mortician.

Laura Buddin, a mathematics teacher at Irmo Senior High School in Columbia, SC, is pursuing her master's degree at the University of South Carolina.

Mrs. Raper has a brother Graham Mallard, who is assistant principal of Kinston High School and a sister, Agnes M. Phillips, who recently retired after teaching for 30 years in the Jones County School system. Her father, Rom W. Mallard, and mother, Annie Banks Mallard, are deceased.

In addition to spending time with her grandchildren and accompanying her husband as he travels on behalf of the College, Mrs. Raper enjoys cooking, sewing, reading, and working with flowers.

In 1979, Mrs. Raper was presented the Woman of the Year Award by the Mount Olive Business and Professional Women's Club, and in 1981 she received the Good Shepherd Award for Distinguished Service by a Baptist to the Boy Scouts of America. The Association of Baptists of Scouting presented the honor. Mrs. Raper is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Trenton Chapter No. 86 and in 1985 was given a life membership in the North Carolina State Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary, which she served as state secretary for about 12 years.

She and her husband are members of the Mount Olive Church, located on the MOC campus.



Rose Raper sets out some iced tea and a plate of cookies for a guest. Mrs. Raper does a lot of entertaining in her home (staff photo by Winkie Lee).



# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE'S PROFESSOR KEN DILDA: Creating a Spark

by Patti O'Donoghue  
MOC Director of Public Information



Mr. Dilda's character is as commendable as his teaching skills. He is honest, generous to those in financial need, helpful to those who need advice, and warm and friendly to all . . . I remember students saying that although Mr. Dilda was 'hard' in the classroom, he was always 'fair' with them.—From the nomination of Kenneth W. Dilda, Mount Olive College Professor of Social Sciences, for a 1990-91 Sears-Roebuck Foundation Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award

Ken Dilda was named MOC's Teacher of the Year during the 1991 graduation program. Amid smiles and cheers and applause, a very surprised teacher of history moved to the stage to receive the award.

"On behalf of Sears-Roebuck and the Sears-Roebuck Foundation Teaching Excellence program, it is a great privilege to present this award to Kenneth W. Dilda. Congratulations to Professor Dilda and to Mount Olive College for your excellent academic program." So said Ruben R. Farless, manager of the Sears store in Goldsboro. The Sears Award carried with it a \$2,000 grant—\$1,000 to the recipient and \$1,000 to the College for academic enrichment.

"Ken Dilda provides his students with a model of teaching excellence, both inside and outside of the classroom. This award provides well-deserved recognition, and we congratulate Ken and appreciate him for his good work here at Mount Olive College" (recognition from MOC President W. Burkette Raper).

The accolades all ring true. But what makes Ken Dilda an excellent teacher? A teacher of the year? He will tell you that there are things that cannot be taught. He will tell you that a teacher somehow has to "create a spark."

"How do you create a spark?" he asks. "How do you teach a student to delve, to explore, to examine, to reach, to stretch? Oh, I have a thousand words to describe what you hope will take place in their lives."

Sitting in his office, Dilda is surrounded by hundreds of books. The whole of history seems to groan under the weight of the shelves. History is his "passion."

"History is breathing, alive, developing, becoming. History is like that, and I think I'm an historical person," he emphasizes.

"If I had favorite times in history," he says, "those times would be Fifth Century B.C. Athens, when the Athenian democracy reached its peak, and the Renaissance, with its bursting forth of human energy. These are times when the human intellect was allowed to function freely."

How do you live your "passion?" How do you teach it? "You can't teach it," Dilda says.

"You teach through example. You inspire others to fulfill their own expectations. You help them explore their intellectual horizons, develop curiosities.

"You help them develop sensitivities to local, national, and international concerns," he continues. "Students come here with little understanding of the

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interdependence of this planet, of the global community."

The teaching and learning skills of Socrates inspire Dilda. The Socratic method of questioning is intended to reveal clear expressions of truth. Dilda probes his students intellectually. He utilizes organized debate and raises questions about current events.

"I intentionally provoke and deliberately challenge students to question," he says. "Racism, sexism, war, domestic daily concerns—I try to incorporate an awareness of these things along the way, hoping students develop sensitivities to the issues."

"Sometimes the dialogue gets quite heated," says a former student, "and students who don't have an opinion coming into class, usually come out with one."

Creating a spark has its satisfactions. "It's encouraging," he says, "to see the transformation, to see students examine their beliefs and values, to see them made aware."

"I get goose bumps when I see these things happening."

What makes Ken Dilda an excellent teacher? A teacher of the year? Perhaps it's the goose bumps.

Professor Dilda is the son of Blanche Dilda of Fountain and the late W. C. Dilda. His mother is a member of the Dilda's Grove Church in Pitt County. The family has long been associated with the Free Will Baptist Church.

A graduate of Farmville High School, Dilda received his A. B. and M. A. degrees from East Carolina University and has done further study at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Before coming to Mount Olive College in 1970, Dilda taught history at Farmville High School. He has numerous professional affiliations, professional and civic activities, and publications to his credit.

## **MOC BUSINESS PROFESSOR IS BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR —and more**

*by Patti O'Donoghue*  
MOC Director of Public Information

Business Professor Sonya McCoy has been honored as 1991 BPWian of the Year by the Southern Wayne County Business and Professional Women's Club. Ms. McCoy, a member of the MOC faculty since 1984, currently serves as the club's finance chairman. The award was especially meaningful because the winner is selected by other club members.

"This award touches my heart," Ms. McCoy said, "because it is given by a top-notch group. This is a fine group to be involved with."

Besides her current position. Ms. McCoy served as treasurer for two years, participated in district and state conventions, and exemplified commitment to her local club.

"She speaks very well for the chapter and for our area," said award presenter, Sylvia Barnes.

Ms. McCoy also speaks well for her profession and her church.

### **THE TEACHER**

"I have wanted to teach since I was very young," she said. "Other kids lined up their dolls to teach. I didn't need the dolls. I had my imaginary students."

At first she wanted to teach in elementary school. "Later I realized I was more suited to teach older students," she said.

"I attended Mount Olive and loved it. And with my Free Will Baptist background, I was always interested in MOC."

Because MOC was a two-year school, Ms. McCoy had to move on. She completed her undergraduate work at Atlantic Christian College (now Barton College) and following graduation, earned a master of business administration degree at East Carolina University.

"After graduate school," she continued, "a position was open here, and I applied. I knew Mount Olive was the right place for me."

I'd had good experiences with the professors, and that's who you want to emulate—the Mrs. Martins and Mrs. Moorings, the Mr. Dildas, and the Pepper Worthingtons."

Ms. McCoy has taught principles of accounting, principles of economics, marketing, retailing, human behavior in organizations, management, corporate finance. "I've taught just about all the courses you can teach in the business program," she added.

### **THE ADVISOR**

In addition to her teaching responsibilities, Ms. McCoy serves as an advisor to Phi Beta Lambda, a national business organization on college campuses.

"Teaching in a small school atmosphere and being active in PBL, you get to meet a lot of good people. You get to know students

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MOC Business Professor, Sonya McCoy, center, takes a moment to help business majors, Joy Horne of Mount Olive, left, and Jennifer Barefoot of Newton Grove, a member of Robert's Grove Church, Sampson County, during the first session of Mount Olive College's Summer School (photo by Patti O'Donoghue).

and build good relationships with them. Melba Keathley (Business Professor and co-advisor of PBL) and I have worked to build our chapter into a good business organization. We've had two students to serve as state officers

in the last four years."

As she talked, Tim Woodard, one of Mount Olive's admissions counselors, stopped by. "What a nice young man," Ms. McCoy said. "I'm so proud of him. He was one of my prize students."

"Next year we'll be celebrating the 35th anniversary of Mount Olive College's chapter of Phi Beta Lambda," she said. "We're proud of that and of our service to the College."

The organization supports MOC through its service projects, sponsoring faculty events, participation in visitation and high school days, arrangement of displays in the Henderson Building display case, and competition in state PBL events.

### CHURCH MEMBER

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray McCoy of Hookerton, Ms. McCoy was "born and raised" a Free Will Baptist. She is a member of Hugo Church of Route 2, Grifton, where she sings in the choir and serves as assistant Sunday School secretary and as an assistant Sunday School teacher.

It is very possible that these days students are graduating and saying, "I had such good experiences with the professors at Mount Olive, and there are the ones you want to emulate—the Ms. McCoys . . . ."

### MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE DINING HALL

Mount Olive College continues to work vigorously toward obtaining the \$2 million in gifts and pledges required to begin construction of the new dining hall. Groundbreaking for the facility is scheduled for the lunch period of the first day of the annual Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. Projected completion date is fall 1992.

As of mid-June, the following churches have made gifts and pledges.

#### HEAD TABLE CLUB

(Gifts and pledges of \$10,000 or more, payable over a five-year period.)

#### CHURCHES

#### PASTOR

Holly Springs Church, Carteret County	J. C. Yates
Lee's Chapel Church, Sampson County	Phillip Boykin
Stoney Creek Church, Wayne County	Gary Bailey
NCFWB Woman's Auxiliary, Statewide	Carolyn Jernigan, president

Following is a list of other churches pledging support.

Lanwood Chapel Church, Johnston County	Kenneth Jackson
First Church, Durham, Durham County	Fred Johnson
White Oak Grove Church, Lenoir County	C. L. Patrick
First Church, Warsaw, Duplin County	Grady Davis
Northeast Church, Wayne County	A. B. Bryan
Hopewell Church, Johnston County	Edmundo Gonzalez
Davis Church, Carteret County	Ray Everton
Saint Mary's Church, Wilson County	James Corbett
First Church, Williamston, Martin County	Ronnie Hobgood, pastor;
Greenville, First Church, Woman's Auxiliary	May Pittman, president
Casey's Chapel Church, Wayne County	Leonard Woodall
Winterville Church, Pitt County	Wayne King
Westside Church, Lenoir County	N. D. Beaman
Trinity Church, Beaufort County	Willis Wilson
Reedy Branch Church, Pitt County	Ed Miles
Saint Paul Church, Sampson County	Royce Reynolds
Malachi's Chapel Church, Tyrell County	Ron Braxton
Howell Swamp Church, Greene County	David Parrish
Bethany Church, Pitt County	





# CAREERS AND OCCUPATIONS FOR MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE GRADUATES



The Rev. and Mrs. Garland Suggs of Whiteville congratulate their daughter, Sylvia. Mr. Suggs is pastor of Whiteville Mission, Columbus County.

A four-year degree from Mount Olive College is designed to prepare students for effective living and successful careers. Listed below are occupations for which we believe our majors will help you develop the competencies required for entry-level positions.

**BIOLOGY.** The science courses present methods by which science is currently performed and involve studies of historical concepts and future possibilities within the natural sciences. A major in biology prepares a student for positions as research technicians, for positions within business, industry, or educational institutions, and for professional schools or graduate school.

Biologist  
Conservationist  
Drug Sales Representative  
Food and Sanitation Inspector  
Laboratory Technician  
Public Health Worker  
Research Technician  
Science Writer  
Technical Writer  
Veterinarian Assistant

**BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION** - The Business Department offers four programs giving students knowledge of business functions: (1) Accounting, (2) Business Management, (3) Computer Information Systems, and (4) Industrial Management.

## ACCOUNTING

Accountant  
Administrative Officer  
Auditor  
Bank Trainee  
Bookkeeper  
Budget Consultant  
Contracting Specialist  
Controller  
Credit and Collection Manager  
Financial Analyst  
Market Research Analyst  
Operations Manager  
Planning Analyst  
Purchasing Agent  
Securities Trader  
Stockbroker

## BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Administrative Assistant  
Admissions Counselor  
Advertising Account Executive Trainee  
Adjuster  
Agri-business Worker  
Bank Trainee

Budget Director  
Business Writer  
Buyer  
Commercial Underwriter  
Controller  
Cost Manager  
Customer Service Representative  
Employment Interviewer  
Financial Aid Officer  
Golf Pro  
Information Systems Analyst  
Insurance Agent  
Loan Officer  
Management Information Worker  
Market Research Analyst  
Marketing Trainee  
Media Research Analyst  
Merchandiser  
News Reporter  
Office Manager  
Personnel Manager  
Production Planner  
Sales Manager  
Savings and Loan Examiner  
Securities Trader  
Stockbroker  
Underwriter

## COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Budget Officer  
Computer Marketing Representative  
Computer Operations Supervisor  
Computer Operator Analyst  
Computer Technician  
Data Processing Manager  
Data Communication Specialist  
Database Programmer  
Director of Vital Statistics  
Electronic Data Processing Auditor  
Financial Analyst  
Market Research Analyst  
Sales Representative  
Statistician  
Systems Analyst  
Technical Support Staff

## INDUSTRIAL MANAGEMENT

Budget Analyst  
Buyer  
Industrial Impact Researcher  
Industrial Laboratory Technician  
Industrial Specialist  
Management Trainee  
Manufacturer Sales Worker  
Manufacturer's Representative  
Operations Manager

Product Manager  
Retail Merchant

**ENGLISH** - The English Major has two tracks of study: the Literature Track provides foundations in the Liberal Arts and leads to graduate study. The Mass Communication Track prepares students for careers in communication, advertising, and journalism.

Claims Representative  
Columnist  
Copy Editor  
Copywriter  
Correspondent  
Cost Accounting Clerk  
Critic  
Editorial Researcher  
Employment Counselor  
Literary Agent  
Market Research Worker  
Medical Records Technician  
Movie Critic  
News Editor  
News Reporter  
Personnel Relations Worker  
Proofreader  
Public Relations  
Radio/TV Announcer  
Real Estate Agent  
Receptionist  
Rehabilitation Counselor  
Reporter  
Research Assistant  
Retail Trade Sales Worker  
Script Reader  
Secretary  
Social Worker  
Student Personnel Worker  
Technical Writer  
Travel Agent  
Writer

**FINE ARTS** - This degree program prepares the student for career opportunities in art centers, museums, private studios, cultural art programs, festival and theme parks.

## FINE ARTS (Art-related)

Advertising Layout Artist  
Art Historian  
Art Librarian  
Artist  
Designer  
Exhibits Coordinator  
Fund Raiser  
Illustrator  
Museum Membership Coordinator



Museum Technician  
Painter  
Photographer  
Sculptor  
Set Designer  
Technical Illustrator  
Typographer

#### FINE ARTS (Music-related)

Director of Church Music  
Film Music Editor  
Instrument Sales Representative  
Music Contractor  
Music Critic  
Music Editor  
Music Promoter  
Music Theater Director  
Record Arts Programmer Supervisor  
Rehearsal Pianist  
Retail Music Store Manager  
Retail Trainee  
Studio Musician  
Technician Equipment Manager  
Vocalist

**HISTORY** - A History major offers skills needed for graduate work, as well as skills, for entry-level job after graduation.

Administrative Officer  
Archivist  
Bank Officer  
Congressional Assistant  
Curator (Art Galleries, Museums)  
Exhibits Coordinator  
Film Librarian  
Historian  
Historical Site Supervisor  
Insurance Agent  
Museum Curator/Guide/Buyer  
Museum Membership Coordinator  
Newscaster  
Office Operations Manager  
Paralegal Assistant  
Peace Corps Volunteer  
Public Relations Worker  
Research Analyst  
Research Development Coordinator  
Sales Representative/Buyer  
Social Service Manager  
State Bureau of Investigation Agent

**PSYCHOLOGY** - A major in Psychology provides an understanding of human behavior and development. Students may earn college credit while working in a service agency with supervision by a faculty member.

Associate Director of University Residence Life  
Child Development Specialist  
College Personnel Worker  
Day Care Director  
Developmental Technician  
Halfway House Manager  
Management Trainee  
Mental Health Counselor  
Minister  
Personnel Officer  
Probation Officer  
Public Relations Worker  
Psychologist Assistant  
Respite Coordinator  
Resident Life Director  
Sales Representative  
Social Worker  
Substance Abuse Counselor  
Survey Researcher

#### RECREATION AND LEISURE STUDIES

The Recreation and Leisure Studies Department provides students with a broad knowledge of the field of Recreation/Leisure Studies as well as specific skills to meet the challenge in an area of professional work interest.

Activity Director in Nursing Home  
Auditorium Manager  
Camp Director  
Community Center Director  
Fish and Wildlife Ranger  
Intramural Director  
Municipal Recreation Staff  
Neighborhood Park Director  
Park Ranger  
Recreation Sports Coach  
Recreation Supervisor  
Recreational Therapist  
Supervisor, Volunteer Service  
Therapeutic Recreation Technician  
YWCA/YMCA Staff Member  
Youth Director

**RELIGION** - The Religion Department offers two programs: (1) Church Ministries and (2) Religion. The Bachelor's Degree in Church Ministries prepares students for a ministry in a local church. A supervised work experience may be designed for students preparing for the ministry. The Bachelor's Degree in Religion is designed for the person interested in service to humanity. It also provides a good foundation for further study in graduate school and seminary.

#### CHURCH MINISTRIES

Chaplain  
Children's Home Director  
Church Pastor  
Minister of Christian Education  
Missionary  
Parole Officer  
Pastoral Counselor  
Retreat Director  
Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor  
Youth Minister

#### RELIGION

Campus Minister  
Church Pastor  
Community Center Worker  
Personnel Worker  
Religious Writer  
Social Worker

**VISUAL COMMUNICATION** - The Visual Communication major provides students with marketable skills in graphics, photography, and illustration. The curriculum focuses on design concepts as they relate to graphic media.

Advertising Firm Employee  
Ad Consultant  
Art Director  
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## MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE CELEBRATES ITS 37TH COMMENCEMENT

Mount Olive College's 37th commencement exercises were held Saturday, May 11, in College Hall. Graduates, families, and friends gathered to celebrate on a flawless spring morning and later picnicked under sunny blue skies. Approximately 1,000 people attended, and 145 degrees were awarded.

The keynote address gave a glimpse into the realities of war and ended with a message of peace. The speaker, Lt. Col. Steven L. Turner, commander of the 336th Tactical Fighter Squadron at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, knew what he was talking about. His 31 combat missions during Operation Desert



Frank Lawhon Jr of Tee's Chapel Church, Johnston County, proudly displays his diploma.

Storm gave him an insight only a few can match.

It was for all, a day to remember.

Free Will Baptists can be justly proud of "their" students. The graduates worked diligently to reach their goals and several graduated with distinction and honor. Those Free Will Baptist students who graduated include the following:

**Wendy G. Taylor** of Bailey, Rock Springs Church, Nash County, bachelor of science in business management.

**Sabrina J. Barfield** of Deep Run, Deep Run Church, Lenoir County, bachelor of science in business management.

**Sherrie G. Martin**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Martin Jr. of Dunn, Shady Grove Church,

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Attention focuses on members of MOC's graduating class as they enter College Hall. Commencement exercises begin.

Smiles and lively steps are the order of the morning following the solemn ceremony. We made it! At last!



Shea Bankston, left, and Rhonda Flowers Wiggins, right, hug Wendy Lamm Taylor, the third of the Rev. Luther Bissett's granddaughters to graduate from MOC. Mr. Bissett is pastor of Edgewood Church, Edgemcombe County.



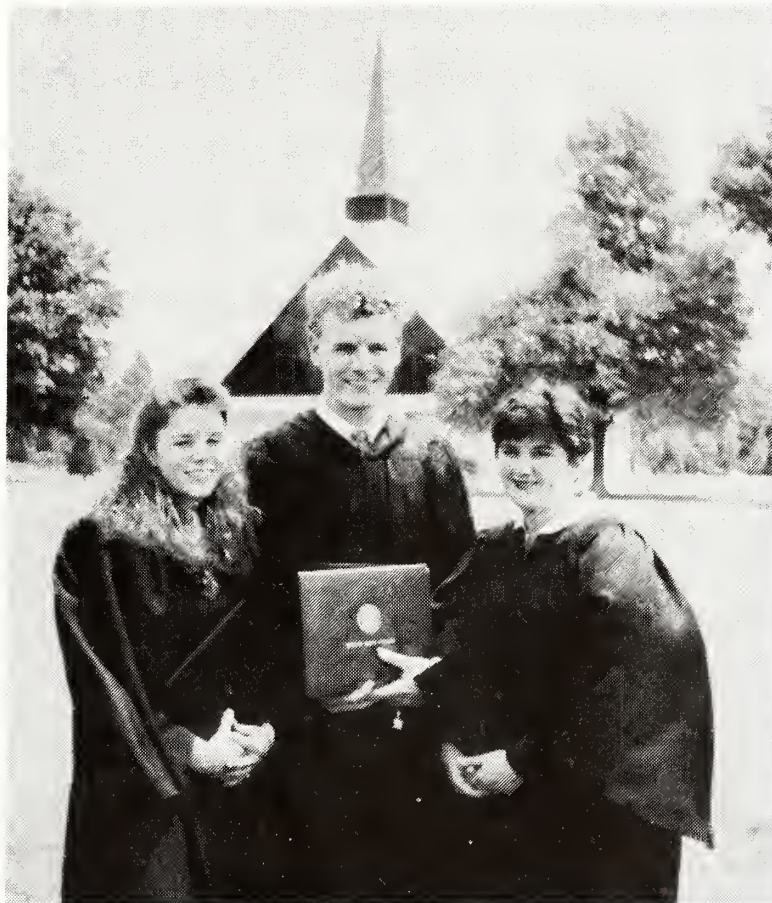
Brent Williams of Daly's Chapel Church, Lenoir County, and his father, Wilbur Williams, visit with chemistry professor, Dr. Kazi Rahman, left.



Cathy Berry of Pleasant Hill Church in Wayne County brought her own "fan club" to graduation.

(Graduation photos by Dianne Riley and Patti O'Donoghue.)





At the heart of the campus, from left, Jeanie Pittman, Harmony Church, Wilson County; Dirk van der Plas, Arapahoe Church, Pamlico County; and Michelle Taylor, White Oak Grove Church, Lenoir County, reflect on the meaning of the day.

Sampson County, bachelor of science in business management, Magna Cum Laude.

**Pamela Swinson Viverette**, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Harold Swinson of Wilson, Harmony Church, Wilson County, bachelor of arts in English, Magna Cum Laude.

**Linda Michelle Taylor**, daughter of Wilbur and Linda Taylor of La Grange, White Oak Grove Church, Lenoir County, bachelor of science in accounting, Cum Laude.

**Andrew L. Silverthorne**, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Silverthorne of Merritt, Bethel Church, Pamlico County, bachelor of science in business management.

**Dirk L. van der Plas**, son of Willem and Lydia van der Plas of Clayton, Arapahoe Church, Pamlico County, bachelor of arts in religion and bachelor of science

in psychology, Cum Laude.

**Willem van der Plas** of Clayton, Arapahoe Church, Pamlico County, bachelor of arts in religion.

**Michael Brent Williams** of Mount Olive, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Williams, Daly's Chapel Church, Lenoir County, bachelor of arts in English.

**Cathy L. Berry**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Berry of Pikeville, Pleasant Hill Church, Wayne County, bachelor of science in psychology.

**Laren Frank Lawhon Jr.** of Smithfield, Tee's Chapel Church, Johnston County, bachelor of science in biology.

**Jean C. Pittman**, granddaughter of Betty Pittman of Wilson, Harmony Church, Wilson County, bachelor of science in psychology, Cum Laude.

**Sylvia A. Suggs**, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Garland A. Suggs

of Whiteville, Macedonia Church, Columbus County, associate in science in general studies, with High Honors.

**Kathy J. Gurganus**, daughter of James and Jean Gurganus of Newport, Holly Springs Church, Carteret County, associate in science in secretarial science.

**Cathy M. Tyndall**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Tyndall of Dudley, Piney Grove Church, Duplin County, associate in science in general studies.

Some graduates received distinction or honors. Distinction is conferred upon those receiving bachelor (four-year) degrees. Magna Cum Laude indicates a grade point average of 3.70, and Cum Laude indicates a GPA of 3.50.

High Honors is designated for associate (two-year) degrees and indicates a GPA of 3.90.



## FREE WILL BAPTIST STUDENTS NAMED

Free Will Baptist students have been named to the President's List and the Dean's List for the 1991 spring semester at Mount Olive College.

### PRESIDENT'S LIST

The President's List is published to honor students who attain the highest possible academic standing. To qualify, students must be attending MOC on a full-time basis (12 semester hours or more) and must achieve a quality grade point average of 4.0 for the semester just ended. Those named to the President's List are:

**Kevin W. Dilday**, son of Billy and Ann Dilday of Ahoskie, Hickory Chapel Church, Hertford County. Dilday is a junior majoring in accounting.

**Tammy R. Mohn**, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Ronnie Mohn of Elm City, Jackson Heights Church, Lenoir County. Ms. Mohn is a senior majoring in biology.

**Jeffrey G. Herring**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Herring of Kinston, White Oak Grove Church, Lenoir County. Herring is a senior majoring in psychology.

**Donna K. Barnes**, daughter of Donnie and Kitty Barnes of Lucama, Little Rock Church, Wilson County. Ms. Barnes is a sophomore.

**Tanya L. Merritt**, daughter of Jimmy and Jeanie Merritt of Mount Olive, Northeast Church, Wayne County. Ms. Merritt is a senior majoring in recreation/leisure studies.

**Lenwood E. Smith II** of New Bern, Saint Mary's Church, Craven County. Smith is a senior majoring in biology.

**Kathryn L. Croom**, daughter of Herman and Leigh Croom of Pikeville, Pleasant Grove Church, Wayne County. Ms. Croom is a sophomore majoring in business management.

**Rita L. Williams** of Pikeville, Stoney Creek Church, Wayne

County. Ms. Williams is a sophomore majoring in English.

**Sylvia A. Suggs**, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Garland Suggs of Whiteville, Macedonia Church, Columbus County. Ms. Suggs is a 1991 two-year graduate.

### DEAN'S LIST

The Dean's List is published to honor students who attain high scholastic standing. To qualify, a student must be attending on a full-time basis (12 semester hours or more) and must achieve a quality point average of 3.5 or higher with no grade lower than a "C" for the semester just ended. Those named to the Dean's List are:

**Charlene R. Bell**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bell of Albertson, Snow Hill Church, Duplin County. Ms. Bell is a sophomore majoring in accounting.

**Marion G. Gainey** of Clinton, Rooty Branch Church, Duplin County. Ms. Gainey is a sophomore majoring in accounting.

**Velvet D. Reynolds**, daughter of Royce and Fleedie Reynolds of Columbia, Sound Side Church, Tyrrell County. Ms. Reynolds is a sophomore majoring in business management.

**Sherrie G. Martin**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Martin Jr. of Dunn, Shady Grove Church, Sampson County. Ms. Martin is a 1991 four-year graduate.

**Christopher L. Paul**, son of Lawrence and Letha Paul of Grantsboro, Arapahoe Church, Pamlico County. Paul is a sophomore majoring in visual communication.

**Stephen M. Prescott**, son of Carol Prescott of Pamlico County and the late Matthew Prescott, Rock of Zion Church, Pamlico County. Prescott is a senior majoring in business management.

**Linda Michelle Taylor**, daughter of Wilbur and Linda Taylor of La Grange, White Oak Church, Lenoir County. Ms. Taylor is a 1991 four-year

graduate.

**Anthony W. Thompson** of Lucama, Little Rock Church, Wilson County. Thompson is a junior majoring in recreation/leisure studies.

**Donald R. "Randy" Cobb** of Mount Olive, son of Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Cobb, Dilda's Grove Church, Pitt County. Cobb is a junior majoring in religion.

**Dirk L. van der Plas**, son of Willem and Lydia van der Plas of Clayton, Arapahoe Church, Pamlico County. Van der Plas is a 1991 four-year graduate.

**Michael Brent Williams** of Mount Olive, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Williams, Daly's Chapel Church, Lenoir County. Williams is a 1991 four-year graduate.

**Elton F. Gooding**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Gooding of Pikeville, Pleasant Grove Church, Wayne County. Gooding is a sophomore majoring in business management.

**Brian L. "Buddy" Jones**, grandson of Lewis and Ethel Sullivan of Plymouth, First Church, Washington County. Jones is a junior majoring in visual communication.

**Gregory C. Ard** of Southern Pines, Powhatan Church, Johnston County. Ard is a junior majoring in business management.

**Richard H. Holmes**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard J. Dunn of Swansboro, Silver Creek Church, Carteret County. Holmes is a senior majoring in religion and philosophy.



### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Rev. Walter Reynolds, pastor of Friendship Church, has a new address. It is as follows: The Rev. Walter Reynolds, Box 111, Farmville, NC 27828. His new phone number is (919) 753-3803.





## ABORTION: THE END

Amanda Jones of Sidney Church recently took first place honors in an oratory contest sponsored by the North Carolina Right to Life State Convention. As a result of her accomplishment, Amanda represented the State of North Carolina at the National Right to Life Convention held in Atlanta on June 8. There she competed nationally in the oratory contest.

Amanda is a rising senior at Emmanuel Christian School in Washington. Her parents, Don and Zinkie Jones, along with her grandmother, Lula Daw, attend Sidney Church.

Following is Amanda's award winning speech.

For centuries, man has searched for effective methods of birth control. Several methods have been used for centuries, but abortion was unlawful in most all areas except pagan societies. Today, death is a "solution" to social problems. If someone is unwanted, unplanned, or imperfect, just kill him. Every year two million Americans abort their babies. The reasons usually given include saving the mother's life, rape, and incest. This accounts for only three percent of abortions, however. The remaining ninety-seven percent of abortions are for the sole reason of convenience and economy.

When the Supreme Court made its decision, Americans were told that legalized abortion would reduce child abuse, dissolve illegal abortions, and that the country would have a better sexual morality. When, in fact, it has done the complete opposite.

There are several methods of abortion used today. I am only telling of one method—the suction method. This is used during the first three months of the child's development. A tube is connected to a suction device and inserted into the mother's womb. The force made by the device literally tears the child's body apart. It draws the baby's body parts into the tube and into a container to throw

away. Sometimes the tiny parts of the baby are reassembled to make sure that all the parts are there. Half of all abortions are performed by this method. This is not only murder, but also very grotesque. If someone did this to a child already born, society would think he was mentally ill.

The Bible says in Exodus 20:13, "Thou shalt not kill." Is abortion not murder? In 1973, the United States Supreme Court declared that the word "person" mentioned in the Fourteenth Amendment does not include the unborn child. Some might say that abortion is not murder. It is not even a baby yet—not even human. They think that this justifies their actions. This is not true. Five to nine days after conception, the sex of a child can be determined. At twenty-four days, the heart begins to beat. At eleven weeks, he can even smile! But if the baby is aborted, his mother will never be able to see her baby smile. She will never hear him laugh, never wipe the tears from his eyes. She will never hear his first words. The tragedy is that the baby will never feel a mother's love, never crawl, never laugh, never take his first step, never go on his first date, never experience life in the world in which his mother lives. The greatest creation of God is human life. Three months after

conception, the fingers and toes are formed, complete with fingerprints which give the child a legal identity separate from the mother's. Who is a person to take another person's life? A woman may defend herself by saying that she has the right to do anything she wants with her own body. But what about the baby inside her? Doesn't the unborn child have a right to his body also?

Many people discriminate on many grounds such as race, sex, and religion. Abortion is discrimination "on the basis of age and unwantedness."

Abortion is not a medical problem, but a social problem. It is a moral issue. No more does the majority of this country believe that every life is important. We cry, "Save the rain forests," "Save the whales." We are concerned with the endangered species, when in reality, the life of the unborn baby is in more danger. In some large cities, there are more abortions than live births.

It was once said that the most dangerous place to live was not in New York City, not on the streets, not on the battlegrounds, but in a mother's womb. There are many alternatives to abortion, such as adoption or even keeping the baby. But death is not an alternative or solution—it is an end.



More and more members of the clergy are feeling overwhelmed by the demands of their ministries.

# MINISTERS UNDER STRESS

*by Hank Whittemore*

Members of Atlanta's prestigious Wieuca Road Baptist Church were shocked last year when their long-time pastor, Dr. William L. Self, then 58, announced that he was resigning because the stress of the job had become too much for him. "Unless I quit now," he told them, "my obituary will read, 'Bill Self today sank like a rock—beat up, burned out, angry and depressed, no good to himself, no good to the people he loved.'"

For more than a quarter of a century, Dr. Self had been seemingly tireless as a preacher, teacher, minister, counselor, fund-raiser and administrator. What gradually wore him down, he says, was "subconsciously navigating into the age-old 'walk on water' syndrome—the notion that, because you're a preacher, you can accomplish anything."

"I did not have a crisis of faith, but of emotion and energy," he says. "It's almost impossible for leaders of a congregation to accept that their pastor needs pastoring. So I began to strangle on my anger, finding myself unable to sleep and even losing interest in studies that I love. I was unraveling, collapsing inside and coming to realize that if the church was not going to take care of me, I'd have to start taking care of myself. The church is the only army that shoots its wounded, but I refused to let that happen to me. Instead, I fell on my sword."

Dr. Self, who is now a member of Atlanta's business community, is in demand as a "minister to ministers" who confidentially seek his advice. "I'm out of the system," he explains, "so they'll talk to me. The same kinds of pressures are on them too. All we have to do is look around and see that preachers and rabbis and priests are dropping like flies, leaving their ministries or letting the stress erupt into headlines."

There are 537,379 clergy members of all faiths in the United States, according to The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., with more than 335,000 of them serving churches or synagogues. Roy Oswald, a senior consultant of The Alban Institute—a nondenominational organization based in Washington, DC, that offers consultation, leadership training and referral services for churches and synagogues nationwide, estimates "conservatively" that 17 percent of the parish clergy he has worked with in more than 20 years of

consulting are suffering from long-term stress or burnout. Increasingly, these wounded healers are reaching out for help through counseling and psychotherapy—or "hitting bottom" and winding up at professionally operated treatment centers around the country.

Public scandals involving overstressed clergy often result from sexual misconduct with parishioners—"carnaling out," as ministers refer to it—but prolonged stress is also a factor in alcoholism, drug abuse, overeating and other addictions. It can mean depression, anxiety, heart attacks or cancer. The Southern Baptist Convention reported last year that, after maternity benefits, the largest portion of the \$64.2 million paid to pastors in medical claims during 1989 was for stress-related illness.

Oswald defines burnout as "a disease of the overcommitted who refuse to come to terms with their limitations." The experience in the 1960s of the Rev. Richard Busch, 58, then a minister of an Episcopalian church in a Los Angeles suburb, is one example. "I allowed my life to become a work binge of giving, giving, giving, until I gradually became aware of my own pain and loneliness," recalls Mr. Busch. "Over time, I moved from being physically tired to emotionally exhausted and finally wiped out. I was angry with myself and angry at God—just spiritually drained. While I've never been one to talk about Hell, I woke up one day and felt scorching heat all around me. I had burned out."

Today, as director of the Center for Continuing Education at the Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Mr. Busch runs a six-week residential program for clergy. With group support, ministers are encouraged to "give voice to their pain and brokenness" as a way of beginning the process of healing.

The Rev. Robin Rauh, 40, then an Episcopalian minister at the Church of the Apostles in Fairfax, VA, attended the Virginia seminary program. "The accumulated stress and pain of the ministry just piled up until there was a big question about whether I could go on," he recalls. Without a six-week sabbatical, he adds, he wouldn't have known what to do. Instead, he began "a real turnaround," which enabled him to continue in the ministry.



"When stress on the culture rises," says Oswald, "people bring that pressure to their church, along with higher expectations of the clergy. But, at the same time, it's less and less clear what it means to be a pastor. As a result, clergy are trying to live up to these expectations by covering all the bases, but it's never enough. They can't quit at the end of the day and feel they've done everything, because there's always someone else in need."

"It's clear that where a society is in trouble, the pastor will be in trouble," says Peggy Shriver, head of a National Council of Churches group called Professional Church Leadership, which is studying major Protestant denominations. "Today's problems—unemployment, homelessness, broken families and so on—all become burdens on a pastor who really cares. A lot of ministers want congregations to care more about the issues on their doorstep—to become less simply recipients of what the church has to offer and more engaged in providing it to others."

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(Dr. William Self).

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But the result is often conflict that can lead to the pastor being unable to cope or simply being fired. The Southern Baptist Convention reported that, during an 18-month period ending in 1989, some 2,100 pastors were fired—a 31 percent increase since 1984. "Other denominations are more discreet in putting out such figures," Oswald says, "but those conflicts and firings are happening in congregational churches of every kind across the board."

Of about 53,000 Roman Catholic priests in the country, 18,000 are serving parishes. "Expectations are expanding," says Father David Brinkmoeller, director of Priestly Life and Ministry at the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, DC. "A priest is expected to be spiritually deep, theologically wise and fiscally clever, while being good at preaching and counseling with young and old. Each person in the congregation expects only a limited something, but the conglomeration can be overwhelming."

"Diversity of expectations is the common factor," agrees Rabbi Paul Menitoff of Boston, director of the National Commission on Congregation-Rabbinic Relations for more than 1,800 of the country's 6,500 rabbis who serve congregations. "A rabbi must live with the idea that some groups in his con-

gregation feel he's not hitting the mark for them, because one person can't do everything. So I talk to a considerable number who, if not suffering from burnout, are certainly dealing with stress."

Applicants to Catholic seminaries are declining—for every 100 priests now leaving active ministry, only 59 others are replacing them, according to Dean Hoge, a sociologist at Catholic University in Washington, DC. He says the main reason is the Catholic Church's refusal to let women be ordained and to allow optional celibacy. "Because of the loneliness and isolation they feel, the alcoholism rate is just enormous."

But the story of clergy in crisis cuts deeper. As more ministers confront their pain and learn about themselves, evidence shows that many initially became healers because of unresolved problems in their own childhoods.

"I came from a dysfunctional home and had zero self-esteem," says Father Paul Rasmus, an Episcopal priest who left his Florida parish while being treated for alcoholism and going through a divorce. Afterward, he returned to the clergy with new inner strength and now serves as a priest at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Palm Beach Gardens, FL. "The church was a great place for me to try to get those needs met," he says. "I find that a lot of us, growing up, wanted to save our families—but, when that was impossible, we went out to save the world. We're generally workaholics, and we're great at fixing other people, but we don't have the foggiest notion of what to do for ourselves."

Among the experts who agree is Dr. Wayne Fehr, the director of spiritual care at Saint Barnabas Center in Oconomowoc, WI, an ecumenical treatment facility for clergy established in 1988 by the Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee as part of Rogers Memorial Hospital. "A substantial number come from that background," he says, "and they share an excessive, compulsive absorption in work, to the neglect of their personal needs. There's a deeply rooted, overwhelming need to please others, to take care of everybody else, to avoid conflict—but at some point it becomes too hard, and everything breaks down."

"Ministers often go into the field with the expectation of being loved and idealized, of getting from the people of their congregation what they didn't get from their own parents," says Dr. Glen Gabbard, director of the C. F. Menninger Memorial Hospital in Topeka, KS, a major referral center for troubled clergy. "They try to be loving to others in hopes of getting love in return—but often, to their surprise, they're met with a host of problems and become the target of complaints, resentment and disappointment."

A new consumer mentality among church members also contributes to the pressures within,



says the Rev. Luther Kramer, president of the Key Pastoral Counseling Center in Huntsville, AL.

"Instead of sticking to a church," he says, "people are shopping around for religious services. Rather than working to resolve issues when they don't get what they want, they go somewhere else. Or they get rid of the pastor—especially if the church isn't gaining members. It's like firing the coach who doesn't have a winning season. Meanwhile, you get power struggles over how money is spent, what programs are offered, even the sermons that are preached. All that adds up to a lot of insecurity and stress for clergy."

As authority figures, says Mr. Kramer, ministers become parental substitutes onto whom "people project unresolved needs or angers about Mom and Dad." At the same time, he notes, people today have less trust of authority, along with a lower image of the ministry itself—in large part because of recent scandals involving TV evangelists. Being among the last generalists in an educated society that honors science and specialization, pastors can feel a sense of impotence and irrelevance.

Another factor is financial strain. Many small churches with 200 members or less cannot afford a full-time pastor, and more spouses of clergy are working than ever before. (The U.S. Department of Labor estimated a \$23,000 average annual income for Protestant ministers in 1988, citing a \$38,000 figure that included fringe benefits such as housing and insurance.) In addition, men and women leaving seminaries with heavy tuition debts are often second-career people who already have families to support.

"We need to install mechanisms for preventive care and guided growth, with procedures for intervention before stress leads to burnout and crisis," says David Richards, a retired bishop of the Episcopal Church who runs a counseling service for clergy in Coral Gables, FL.

In agreement is Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, the 92-year-old author of *The Power of Positive Thinking*, who says courses in "stress control" should be given by seminaries as part of ministers' training. "It's impossible to live without stress today," Dr. Peale says, "The issue is whether stress is under control or not. Stress under control is actually a good thing, because it's energy, and without energy no one can do a distinctive job in the world."

As Dr. Self puts it, "Pastors are the preachers, the dream-givers and the vision-keepers, and they're still the front line in caring for people. But they have a longing for people to turn around and care for them too. Well, that's not the reality of church life. So I tell young men and women starting out in the ministry to create a pattern of taking care of themselves. Nobody else is going to do it."

At treatment centers like St. Barnabas however, ministers usually arrive too late for self-help.

"They've reached spiritual bankruptcy," Dr. Fehr says. "They've become alienated from self, from the people closest to them, from God—and to admit having lost the inner meaning of their own message is a matter of considerable shame." Paradoxically, he adds, "It is often only the experience of their own helplessness that opens them to the discovery of grace." Salvation begins, Dr. Fehr says, "when they start to find an inner source of self-worth that is more basic than trying to be this perfect, Godlike person who blesses and saves everybody else."

The group support at the Virginia Theological Seminary in 1988 enabled Mr. Rauh to "gain more awareness of my own personality and motivations and to start clarifying my values," he says. Today, as rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Huntsville, AL, he feels that his ministry is "less of a burden and more of a service to God, with whom I have a much deeper relationship."

"A minister is not a doctor whose primary task is to take away pain," wrote Henri J. M. Nouwen in *The Wounded Healer* nearly two decades ago. "Rather, he deepens the pain to a level where it can be shared." Those who suffer the most and receive the therapeutic help available today are, perhaps ironically, closer than ever to embodying Nouwen's concept of an "authentic" minister, whose service "comes from a heart wounded by the suffering about which he speaks."

## HOW CAN YOU HELP

- Be sure your pastor gets *positive* feedback, along with the usual complaints.
- Have a special group monitor the quality of life of the pastor and his or her family.
- Make sure your pastor is challenged by setting aside time (two weeks) and money (about \$1,200) for continuing education each year, and encourage longer leaves of absence every few years.
- Participate as a member of the congregation.

For more information, write: Clergy Support, The Alban Institute, Dept. P, 4125 Nebraska Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20016.

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## THIS RENEWED PATRIOTISM

by C. H. Overman

Convention General Secretary

It's a great feeling, this renewal of patriotism that's sweeping across our great country. It's been a long time coming. We have not had it since the celebration with the ending of World War II. So once again, as our Desert Storm soldiers return home, we are waving "Old Glory" and we are feeling those "goose bumps" and chills up and down our backs as we experience this time of celebration. On television we are seeing parades with the military in their deserved prominent recognition and display. Once again America is standing tall, and on this July 4, as a nation of thankful people, we can celebrate our victory, liberties, and blessings as we have not done in many years.

What did it take to bring about this renewal of patriotism? It took a war that involved over a half million men and women of our armed forces, advanced military capabilities and technology that surpassed our imaginations, the strong support of our populace, the emergence of new heroes who refused to flinch in the accomplishment of their purpose in liberating the country of Kuwait from its aggressors, and a President who stood his ground.

The fall of 1990 and the first few weeks of the winter of 1991 were times of uncertainty and thus brought a measure of fear as to what the final outcome might be. Then it was over and our casualties were minimal. And a great nation breathed a sigh of relief and felt a sense of pride. We thanked God for His protection and blessings upon us.

The patriotic songs have never sounded so good. Lee Greenwood's, "God Bless the USA," resounded throughout the nation and in the military tents in Saudi Arabia. Voices blended

together in the singing of "God Bless America," "America," "America the Beautiful," and our National Anthem.

So this July 4 will have special significance. We will celebrate and we will possess a sense of renewed patriotism. I cannot help but feel, however, that the first words we should sing as a nation together are the familiar words of the "Doxology":

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."



## RENEWED CHRISTIAN FAITH

During most of Operation Desert Shield and particularly during Operation Desert Storm, church attendance increased. This was evidenced by several of our pastors whom I spoke to. Whether coincidental or not, within a few weeks after the war ended, attendance was back to "normal." It should not have been so. In fact, in recognition and response to God's blessings and watchcare over us, church attendance should now be at an all-time high. But such is not the case; and this realization makes us call for a renewal of the true Christian faith.

The framers of our Constitution deemed it necessary to include the guarantee of religious freedom in the laws of the land, and thus stated so in the First Amendment which guarantees the practice of religious freedom without the government dictating to or controlling one's practice of religion. In brief, we have religious freedom; but do we cherish it to the point of truly

practicing our Christian faith? How precious is it to us?

Free Will Baptist beliefs (doctrines) go back in history to the "Confession or Declaration of Faith of 1660." This realization should remind us that, just as we should never forget those who sacrificed to assure the liberties, which we as a nation now enjoy, we should not forget those who faithfully stood by our own beliefs and practices. In reference to these Christian liberties, we wrote in 1960:

"True Christian liberty is a privilege which many people of the world have never enjoyed. Others have abused it; others take it for granted. Yet, our forefathers were willing to die for it if necessary. This liberty is the sort which Christ intended for man to possess. It is by no means a liberty which gives license to moral laxity, or the right to live as one chooses apart from any consideration of God. It is liberty of mind and soul from binding laws and oppression. It is liberty from prejudiced opinions and biased convictions. It is freedom to worship God according to the dictates of conscience. Any laws which infringe upon this liberty and freedom are wrong. The laws of many countries during past history sought to limit this liberty. As Americans, we know this was the primary factor which led our forefathers to come to this great land—the freedom to worship God."

A renewed Christian faith will do for us what the renewed patriotism is doing in America. The Bible will find its rightful place in our conduct and lives. Prayer will permeate our very souls. True worship and Christian fellowship will be given their required place. We will seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. Would not this be the filling of the hunger which we desire?





## A SPECIAL PROMISE

Who would have ever believed that a man who was ninety-nine years old and his wife who was ninety years could have a baby! Yet, that's exactly what happened to Abraham and Sarah.

God told Abraham, "I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great" (Genesis 12:2). So Abraham expected to have a son right away. But many years passed and still Abraham and Sarah did not have a baby. Again, God promised Abraham that he would be the father of a great nation of people. Still, Abraham had no son. By then, Abraham and Sarah wondered if they would ever be parents. They were both very old, and it was very unusual for older parents to have babies. However, Abraham remained faithful.

Then one day, God told Abraham that he and Sarah would soon have a son. At first, Abraham and Sarah just laughed. It seemed ridiculous to believe that people as old as they would have a baby.

Finally, the day came when Sarah gave birth to Abraham's son, whom they named Isaac. God had kept His promise to Abraham just as He keeps His promises to us today.

In each word below, cross out every other letter, beginning with the first letter each time, to find a very important truth.

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Compiled by Gary Burbage

## SENATOR BASNIGHT RESPONDS

Senator Marc Basnight (Dare) recently responded to a resolution against legalized gambling which was adopted at the 1991 Albemarle Sunday School Convention.

In his letter, Senator Basnight states: "I am against the lottery and will vote against it if it is presented to the people. However, I would not be an obstacle in efforts to bring the lottery, or other issues that carry a high level of interest among the people of this State, before the public for a vote."

The N.C. General Assembly recently passed legislation that would allow a referendum on a state lottery. It will be up to politically active conservative Christians to defeat the lottery when it's time to vote.

## GOSPEL BANNED AT OLYMPICS

The International Olympic Organizing Committee's selection of Atlanta, GA, as the host city for the 1996 Summer Olympic Games will provide a tremendous opportunity to share the gospel with the world.

One of the primary sites for the Olympic games is Stone Mountain Park. The park is the third busiest tourist attraction in the world. Millions of people visit the park yearly. It is truly a wonderful place and also an ideal place to share the gospel. That is until the park authority *banned* the distribution of gospel tracts.

Christian Advocates Serving Evangelism (C.A.S.E.), along with Concerned Women for America, argued for a temporary restraining order and on March 8th, Judge Daniel Coursey Jr. granted the request for 45 days. A full trial to lift the banning of religious literature at Stone

Mount Park was planned for May 1991.

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## PRAYERS BANNED AT GRADUATION

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A divided State Supreme Court ruled that prayers at public high school graduation ceremonies violate separation of church and state.

"When a school district opens or closes the graduation ceremony with prayer, it sends a powerful message that it approves of the prayer's religious content," Justice Joyce Kennard wrote.

The vote was 5-2 to ban the widespread practice of opening graduation ceremonies with a religious invocation and closing them with a benediction.

Two members of the majority, Chief Justice Malcolm Lucas and Justice Armand Arabian, described their votes as reluctant and invited the U.S. Supreme Court to rule differently in a similar, pending case from Rhode Island.

In a dissent, Justice Edward Panelli said graduation prayers are a valid "accommodation of religious beliefs" comparable to the printing of "In God We Trust" on coins.

## NEA SAGA CONTINUES

The National Endowment for the Arts ("National Embarrassment for the Arts") is at it again. Your tax dollars were used to pay for a male-rap film.

That's right. Our tax dollars—yours and mine—are being used to fund (through the government's NEA) the most blasphemous and offensive "works of art" imaginable.

The NEA, however, constantly states that we as taxpayers have *no* right to voice our opinion on how our tax dollars are spent and that *every* American *must* continue to support this perversion. These so-called "artists of smut" are out to destroy the moral and

religious values of America—and incredibly, *they expect you and me to pay for their indecencies.*

NEA Chairman John Frohnmayer awarded \$25,000 tax dollars to homosexual film director, Todd Haynes, to help pay for his movie, "Poison." *The Washington Times* quotes Frohnmayer as saying he wished "all those people who know nothing about art would stay the hell out of my business." And he's talking about Christians. Right now, White House Chief of Staff John Sununu is "reviewing" this theft of your tax dollars to pay for this homosexual filth.

Several conservative Christian groups are urging that *all* Christians write to Mr. Sununu and President George Bush and request that NEA Chairman John Frohnmayer be fired.

Christian Action Network,  
May 1991

## MASTERCARD FOR HOMOSEXUALS

DALLAS, TX—A new credit card earmarked for homosexuals and lesbians will "demonstrate the gay community's economic power," according to the president of the only financial institution in the country to offer such a card.

"It's a matter of dignity and pride," says Dan Wallace, president of the 300-member Dallas Gay Alliance Credit Union, which recently began offering the MasterCard stamped "Dallas Gay Alliance."

The card offers a 14% interest rate and no annual fee. Card holders may also receive cash advances at low interest rates. A tape recording at the credit union tells callers: "This pink and gray card is the first openly gay-and-lesbian-identified card in the nation . . . This MasterCard will allow us to demonstrate our pride every time we use it."

Associated Press,  
February 10, 1991.





What started out as a family celebration ended in tragedy for the Charles Guinn family. On Tuesday, June 25, Charles and Teresa celebrated their sixteenth wedding anniversary. After Teresa left work at the Free Will Baptist Press and Charles, his job with the Town of Ayden, the couple was going to Greenville for dinner. Their eight-year-old son Brandon was going, too. As they entered the intersection beside Reedy Branch Church, the truck in which they were traveling was struck in the side. The truck flipped and bounced before landing upside down. Charles was thrown from the truck and suffered a broken leg, compressed lumbar vertebrae, an elbow "problem," and cuts and bruises. Teresa's lung was punctured by broken ribs. Her right arm sustained injuries as did her face. Charles is listed in satisfactory condition and Teresa is stable. Brandon, their only child, did not survive. Funeral services for the young boy were held on Sunday, June 30, from the chapel of Farmer Funeral Home, in Ayden, NC.



Teresa is a long-time employee of the Press. She is a typesetter and graphic artist.

The employees of the Press ask that you remember Charles, Teresa, and their families during their hospitalization at Pitt County Memorial Hospital, during their recuperation, and as they deal with their loss.



A black and white photograph of a sun-dappled forest path. Two people, an adult and a child, are walking away from the camera down the path. The path is covered in fallen leaves and is flanked by dense trees and foliage. Sunlight filters through the canopy, creating a pattern of light and shadow on the ground.

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### LADIES MEET MONTHLY



Minutes are kept and are available to those who cannot attend meetings.

The pictures are from the May meeting. It was held in the home of Mrs. Pat Gurganus.

The Ladies Bible Class of Holly Springs Church found that class business often took up too much of the lesson time. Also, there seemed to be little time for the class members to fellowship together.

The class found a solution in monthly meetings. A class member volunteers each month to hold the meeting in her home.

The class has elected officers, who conduct the meeting and give reports. Other items on the agenda are devotions, prayer requests, and prayer time. Of course there are refreshments and plenty of time for fellowship.

The meetings have been held for about one year, and the average attendance has been 12 to 13 class members. (That's about all the average home will hold!)

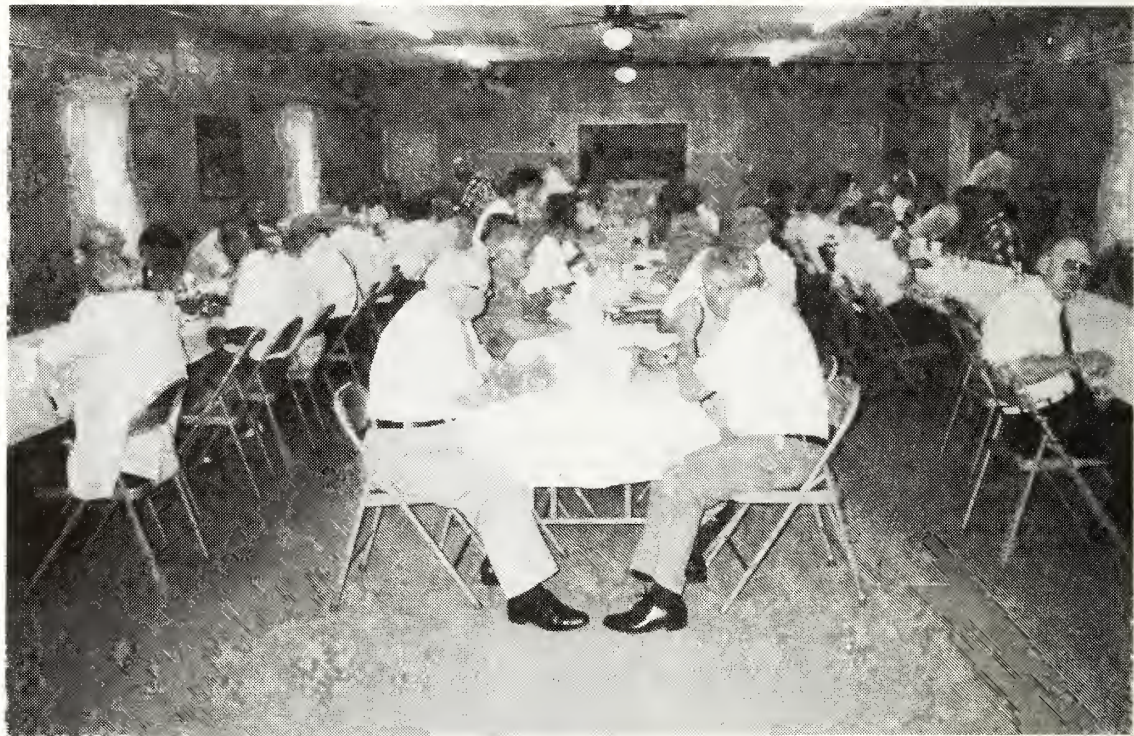
### GRADUATES HONORED



On Sunday, June 2, Holly Springs Church, Newport, honored its high school graduates with a special service which began with a processional. Travis Davis, teacher, addressed the graduates and read a poem. Special music was performed by soloist Pam Benson. The Rev. J. C. Yates, pastor, presented each graduate with a Bible.

Pictured left to right are: (front row) Tommy Davis, marshal; Rhonda Mills; Paula Ruppe; Rhonda Ruppe; (second row) Kevin Gurganus; Georgiana McCabe; Sally Skinner; Sandi Skinner; (third row) Jason Edwards; Travis Davis, teacher; Robbie Kelly; Joyce Lane, teacher; Kevin Brickhouse; and Jason Nichols.





### CENTRAL LAYMEN MEET

The Central Conference Layman's League met at Aspen Grove Church on June 3. Supper was served by the host church. Special music was provided by Aspen Grove and the Rev. Ed Thornton, host pastor, gave the devotions. There were 120 men present. This included ten pastors and two guests from the Western

Conference.

Denominational reports were given as follows: the Rev. David C. Hansley, Home Missions; the Rev. Harold Jones, Foreign Missions; Dr. Opey Jeanes and Dr. David Hines, Mount Olive College.

During the meeting, new officers were elected. They are as

follows: President, Randy Tyson, Rose Hill Church; vice president, George Moore, Aspen Grove Church; secretary-treasurer, Delano Wilson, Rose Hill Church.

The next meeting of the Central Conference Layman's League will be September 9 at Rose Hill Church. It will be hosted by Ayden and Rose Hill Churches.

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## ANNUAL SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT

by J. M. Langley

The evening of May 31, 1991, was hot and muggy. There was no breeze, and the mercury rested above the ninety degree mark. Even though the comfort of air conditioning was absent, these conditions did not prevent the Free Will Baptist Layman's League of North Carolina from gathering at Eagle's Nest.

The men gathered at this campground equipped with Bibles, horseshoes, fishing tackle, cooking equipment and lots of food. The evening activities included Bible reading, meditation, fellowship, and cooking. There was very little sleeping that night due to some very healthy snoring.

Saturday, June 1, started early for Dick Meads, John Newton, and others who arose to prepare breakfast and to get "the special of the day" ready for the deluxe gas cooker that would slowly barbeque five delicious turkeys for lunch.

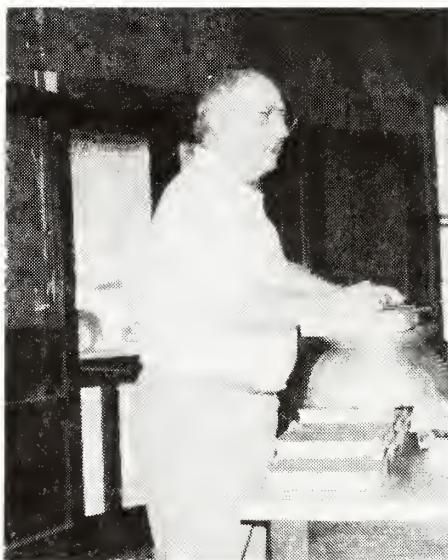
The food, fun, and fellowship did not exclude the spiritual purpose of the retreat. The Revs. Ray Wells and David C. Hansley



At the retreat we "worked in" a little horseshoe pitching.



Earl Shackleford got in some fishing.



The Rev. Ray Wells speaks during the retreat. Be sure to notice his pulpit.



The men attending the retreat.

(Turn the Page)





R. C. Meads prepares delicious bar-be-cue turkey to be enjoyed by the men at the Spiritual Life Retreat.



Free Will Baptist laymen always appreciate the call to eat. This time "the special" was bar-be-cued turkey.



Among those who attended the retreat were ministers.



After enjoying a night and day session at the retreat, Billy Trevathan, John Newton, R. C. Meads, Earl Shackelford, and Jerry Wall load up the truck in preparation to leave.

delivered four wonderful messages that were well received and appreciated by everyone who attended.

The annual retreat was a very successful event of Spirit-filled fun, and fellowship with other laymen in our denomination. Next year, we hope to have more fun, more food, more fellowship, and more men at the Annual Layman's League Spiritual Life Retreat.

#### **1992 SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED**

Stephen Ministries announces its 1992 schedule of six Stephen Series Leader's Training Courses at selected cities throughout the United States. The six dates and sites are:

January 5-17—Orlando, Florida  
 February 2-14—San Antonio, Texas  
 April 26-May 8—St. Louis, Missouri  
 June 14-26—Los Angeles, California  
 July 12-24—Berkeley, California  
 August 2-14—Baltimore, Maryland

Leaders who attend a Stephen Series Leader's Training Course return to their congregations to train Stephen Ministers.

For further information regarding this way to fulfill God's design of the church as spelled out in Ephesians 4:11-12, call the Rev. Glenn Boisclair at (314) 645-5511; or write him at Stephen Ministries, 8016 Dale, St. Louis, Missouri 63117-1449.



## TASK OF THE CHURCH

by Willem van der Plas

What is the church? The church is the "called-out ones," ekklesia. Out of *where* is the church called, or, out of *what* is the church called? God called people out of the "non-believers" to form His church. These believers were made a new creation, new personalities, temples of God. The believers are called into the holy presence of God. Together they form the household of God, gathered by the Lord to live as brothers and sisters in His presence. We do neither possess the church nor own the church; *we are the church*.

The first task of the church is to live together as God's children. Paul speaks about the church as the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:37). Oneness and togetherness, belongingness are very important African and Asian cultures. Families form strong bonds with social duties and privileges. In some cultures, if a brother steals from you, you cannot claim back that property because he is your brother.

Oneness and belongingness are essential in biblical Christian beliefs and teaching. Paul and Jesus Christ emphasize these issues: All Christians are called to behave as the body of Christ (Ephesians 1:22-23; 5:30). In John 17:11, 22, Jesus expresses the oneness of the believers in His prayers. The oneness of the church exists under the command of love: Love God above all and your neighbor as yourself; or be a loving neighbor to others. Who is my neighbor? Read Luke 10:29, 36-37; Matthew 25:31-46.

These two passages do not teach us only about the needs of our neighbors but they also teach that Jesus Christ is our neighbor. Many churches have become a "state of being" instead of an active body in workmanship to God (worship).

The task of the church is to minister to the world, to the

believers and the unbelievers. Church ministry includes pastoring, preaching, teaching, priestly activities, organization and administration (see Wayne E. Oates, *The Christian Pastor*, page 130). The obedience to the command of love makes the church grow, because genuine love is irresistible, the crown of all our activities (1 Corinthians 13). I do not say that love will not be attacked by the enemy; be on guard.

Another main task of the church which is commanded by our Lord is world missions. The Missio Dei (God's Mission) is not just witnessing. World missions includes all the tasks which are involved in church-ministry: the preaching, teaching, pastoring, works of compassion, priestly advocating, organization, administration and reproduction. The living church does not depend on world missions, but world missions depends on the living church. World missions is the outgoing task of the church, passing the boundaries of nations and regions, races and politics, cultures and traditions, to proclaim Jesus Christ as Saviour and to teach them to obey all that which Jesus has taught. In this we must eliminate our own culture and tradition and bring nothing but biblical truth.

Every Christian who reduces this command of Christ to the church into a singular local or national event is heretical and a false apostle who is willingly disobedient to the last command of our precious Lord Jesus Christ. In Romans 10 and 11, we see how the Apostle Paul struggled with the Israelites, but he never

isolated them from the gospel because he understood the self-giving love of our Lord Jesus Christ to the world. Missions is the joyful task of the church as the body of Christ, following the example of Jesus of Nazareth, the Messiah.

### EL BUEN PASTOR ("The Good Pastor")

by Antonio Escobar



Pastor Cristobal Vasquez is one of our workers in Mexico who is preaching the gospel to the lost and reaching these people with various problems. Here he is seen descending into the waters of baptism and baptizing a person whom he led to the feet of Jesus.

The brother who is being baptized is a young 25-year-old man. He once was involved with alcohol and wanted nothing to do with the gospel or the Lord. But Pastor Cristobal saw the condition of this man and presented the gospel to him and Jesus Christ as His Saviour. The mercy of our Lord is so wonderful! That very same day this young man became a new person—saved by the blood of Christ. He is now a new person and testifies to the saving power of Christ.

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### A REMINDER FROM FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Annual Convention Missions Rally will be held on Wednesday, September 11, at 7:30 p.m., in College Hall. Please begin to pray about your special gift to Foreign Missions at the Rally. We need to receive the largest offering ever in order to continue the program and assure the progress of our new work in Eastern Europe.

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## HE TOUCHED ME AND MADE ME WELL

by the Rev. Antonio Samones Jr  
interviewed and written  
by the Rev. Diosdado Guian

This is the testimony of the Rev. Antonio Samones Jr., the new chairman of the FWBCPI Board of Trustees and Vice President of the Palawan Bible College.



After a series of meetings, consultations and counselling I felt so

tired, but I ignored it because of another scheduled BOT meeting.

It was the night of May 17, 1991. I could no longer handle the pain and the difficulty of my breathing. I felt I was about to collapse. I immediately asked my wife Loida to take me to the hospital.

On our way to the hospital, our problem was compounded because we knew that no one was left with our four little children at home. Then I remembered God's promise that "He will not leave us nor forsake us." This gave us comfort and assurance.

I stayed at the hospital for four nights and three days. The findings of the attending physician showed my blood pressure was up to 150/110; I had a urinary tract infection, ulcer and heart failure. I didn't know what to do, except to trust the Lord! Friends visited us in the hospital; they offered words of comfort and prayers that gave me strength both from within and without.

Then "I felt the touch of the Lord."

After that long four nights and three days' stay at Palawan Adventist Hospital, I was advised by the doctor to rest for about two weeks. It was good to have a vacation from Palawan Bible College; it freed me from other worries and concerns.

At present, I'm attending to my daily work load at P.B.C. I'm still on medication, but I have an assurance that when the Lord touches, it is more than enough what we expect and hope for. I praise and thank the Lord for His healing touch upon my life.

### SPECIAL NOTICE

The Rev. Fred Baker is available for full-time pastoral service. Fred is well qualified, after giving thirteen years of outstanding service in the Philippines training pastors and church leaders.

Please contact Fred at 919-553-0860; or write to him at the following address: Box 1025, Clayton, NC 27520.

### BAKERS ARRIVE FROM PHILIPPINES



Fred, Linda and Stevie Baker arrived in North Carolina from the Philippines on June 6. They were greeted at the Raleigh-Durham Airport by family and friends. The Bakers gave thirteen years of dedicated service to the Philippines.

Fred and Linda hope to enter the pastorate here in North Carolina in the near future. They will surely be a blessing to the congregation that calls them.

They are presently residing in Clayton. Their address is Box 1025, Clayton, NC 27520 and their phone number is 919-553-0860.

### ANOTHER CHURCH BUILDING AT KHAUNSARA

by Dr. E. M. Lall

The members of the Free Will Baptist Church in India have very many reasons to be grateful to God for our continued heavenly blessings day by day and for help and encouragement duly received from the Director-treasurer of our Board of Foreign Missions. The church in India has been able to build this third sanctuary in a most rural area. The first Free Will Baptist Church was built at Dhaunra Tanda in 1986; the Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church was constructed in 1988 at Tondalpur; and again, a church building has been erected at Khaunsara Distt. Budaun (U.P.).

The Rev. Basant Masih is the pastor in charge of the Khaunsara circuit. He and his church members, living in nine close-by villages, made a crash plan to

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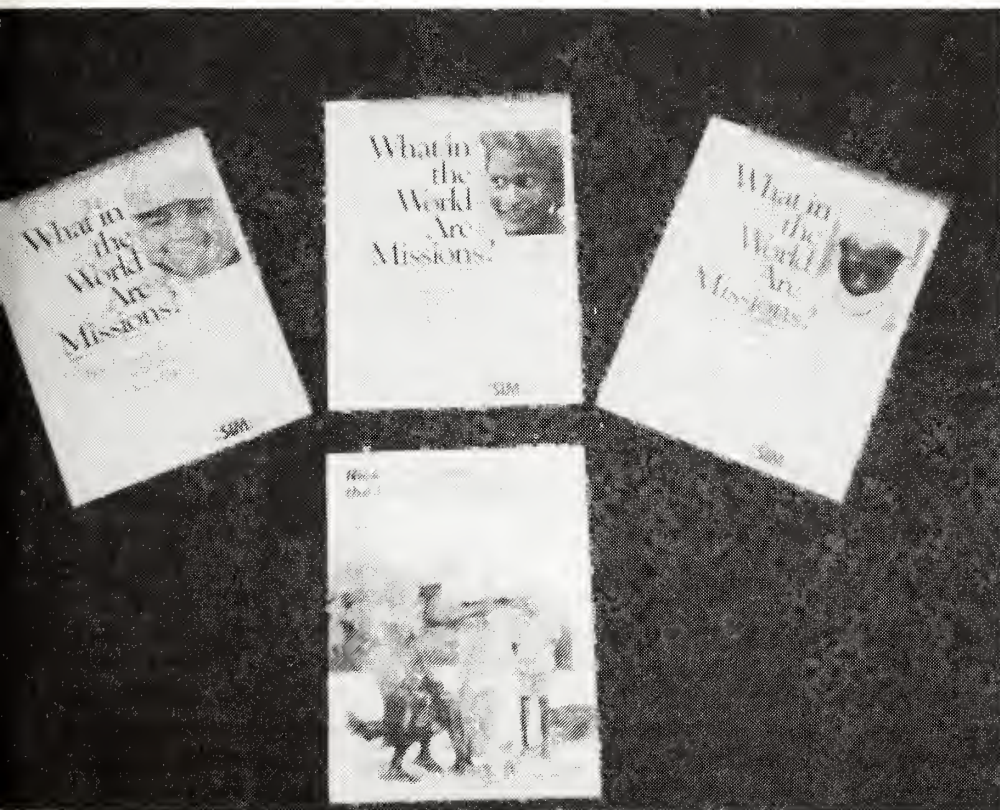


construct a worship place for them. Someone donated the land and other members erected the church, while we in the office raised some funds in the city of Budaun and Bareilly for plastering the four walls and fixing the roof.

The church was dedicated on April 4, 1991.

This church has a congregation of 330 and has a very active church life. These people, though illiterate, work in the fields as farmers. They hardly have educated men and women in their congregations. However, the Rev. Basant Masih, who has been raised as full-time pastor by us, is enthusiastic in the work and is God-fearing. The Rev. and Mrs. Harold Jones were in his home in 1989.

We earnestly solicit prayers for this church that it may continue to grow and gather the lost souls for eternity.



## FREE MISSIONS TEACHING MATERIAL AVAILABLE

**What in the World Are Missions?** (For ages 6-9, 10-12, youth and adults). There are five lessons on each age level. The material is designed to help all age groups to understand what missions is all about. Missions is more than giving money. This will help everyone understand the vast world of missions. A certificate of completion will be given to everyone who completes the course of study and a certificate of appreciation will be given to every teacher who uses the material. Call or write today! The Board of Foreign Missions can be contacted by writing to them at Box 39, Ayden, NC 28513; or by phoning (919) 746-4963.

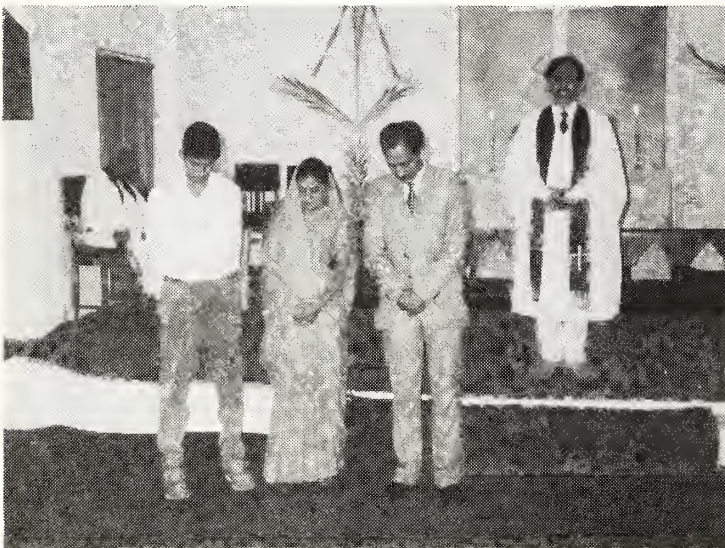


## NEWS FROM INDIA

by Dr. E. M. Lall



We have from time to time reported the rapid progress our Free Will Baptist Church in India is witnessing. Our schools are known to be model institutions so far as quality education is concerned. The enrollment is rising day by day, and at times we have to refuse admissions due to shortage of rooms in our school buildings. Satpur Bilolia is one of our pioneer schools in the District of Budaun. As we keep on visiting our church-oriented institutions, we feel proud of how the Lord is blessing our church with tremendous growth. We had the privilege of visiting our school located at Satpur Bilolia, which was also twice visited by our Director-treasurer, the Rev. Harold Jones, in 1982 and 1984. This church-related school is progressing and the entire village is receptive to the gospel, since a small girl suffering with polio was recovered with the prayers of our church ministers. The Rev. Harold Jones had also fervently prayed for this girl, taking her in his arms in 1984.



The Free Will Baptist Church in India is said to be a fast growing evangelistic church in the northern part. It is being richly blessed with new members. This family of Lamberts took the membership of our church at Bareilly. They were impressed with the way our preachers are working in the most rural and risky areas.





Our church at Bareilly led a seminar for youth in our rural and urban churches March 6-8, 1991. The main emphasis of this seminar was to prepare the youth of our church for sharing and shouldering the responsibilities of the church. The expenses of this seminar were paid by the local church.

The church in India has been blessed with three new church congregations. The next two congregations are located at Baheri and Jam in the District of Bareilly on way to Nainital. These two congregations were adopted into the Free Will Baptist Church on March 17, 1991, when solemn services were held at both places. These are rural churches which depend upon small farming and services in schools and factory. They are committed people who have a desire to destine their lives for eternity. Two deacons have been ordained to be with these congregations, R. B. Singh and Rajesh Kumar, respectively. While the Rev. Samson Martine is the pastor in charge of both these churches, these deacons take care of these new churches regularly.





The Bible Society of India, though an interdenominational organization, was always confined to the Methodist church, which is a major church in North India. However the impact of our church, which is very much alive to evangelism, is spreading far and near, with the result that the Bible Society of India organized its program in our church at Bareilly on April 28, 1991. The secretaries of the society applauded the work of our church and congratulated our ministers and deacons, who are busy in an effective manner carrying the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our church organization was also praised for buying the highest quantity of Bibles, New Testaments and other Christian literature.



A thanksgiving service was held at our Christ Church on April 21, 1991, for all the blessings for which our church is indebted. The service was marked with heartfelt thanks by all the participants for various blessings poured upon our church work as a whole. There were many witnesses and testimonies from church members; and it appeared that almost all the members have realized blessings in their family life.

The congregation had gathered outside the church campus, near the gate, and led a procession in the church where the Rev. B. F. Dean, a retired principal of a theological college, spoke on what thanksgiving means to God. It was a beautiful service wherein prayers were offered for the Board of Foreign Missions and the Free Will Baptists throughout the world, with special mention of those helping and supporting our work.



Our church fete was held on Easter Monday, April 1, 1991, at Christ Church campus for raising funds for musical instruments, and the response was encouraging. Some of our church members came forward to hold their stalls and gave the maximum of the proceeds.







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**THE MORNING STAR CONFERENCE**

Cragmont Assembly

April 5-7

Becky Jo Sumner and Dola Dudley, directors





The June 10-15 Cragmont Woman's Conference Theme was "The Happy Christian." The Rev. and Mrs. Willem van der Plas led morning and evening Bible studies.

Morning devotions were by Carolyn Jernigan, Jackie Flowers, Teresa Ball and Eva Lancaster.

The director was Becky Jo Sumner; co-director Dola Dudley was out because of illness. The registrar was Alice Barrow. Music director was Alma Dale; pianist, Virginia Skinner; and organist, Nina Grace Register.

The Rev. Harold Jones preached the Missions sermon Friday night.

There were fifty campers in attendance.

by Ruth L. Warrick

WOMAN'S CONFERENCE  
June 10-15



## **CRAGMONT: WORTHY OF SUPPORT**

by John Williams

Christian people of our denomination, many of whom have gone on before us, were responsible for acquiring a place called Cragmont Assembly. They believed that individual churches could be strengthened by sending their youth to summer youth conferences, women to the women's conferences, ministers to minister's conferences. Down through the years, this has certainly happened. If you don't think it has strengthened our youth, women, and ministers, then why not ask those who have been!

People invariably say, "Well, the enthusiasm will die down and the influence will be gone." Don't believe it. Those who have had spiritual experiences while at Cragmont will always remember. The lessons about God and words of encouragement will remain for years to come. At least, this is what I am told by so many who have acquainted themselves with Cragmont. I believe them. If one thinks about it, Cragmont is just a piece of land in the mountains dotted with a few buildings. But our Lord has used this land and these buildings to influence men, women, boys and girls in the ways of the Christian life. God has always used places to influence people: the burning bush on Mount Horeb to influence Moses; the cave to influence Elijah; the mountains where Jesus was tempted; Mount Calvary to change the life of every human being. Cragmont Assembly is a place our God is using to draw people to Himself. We cannot say this is the only place He is using. We cannot say God is using Cragmont to influence the great masses of people. However, He is using Cragmont.

Sometimes I grow tired of attempting to prove that Cragmont is worthy of the financial support of our churches and individuals. The forefathers of our denomina-

tion thought it to be a worthy ministry. Cragmont's record of ministering to our denomination speaks loud and clear. Why, then, do we struggle financially? I do not believe our denomination is unable to support all our ministries. The funds are there. Those of us who manage these ministries should not have to beg and plead. This ministry of Cragmont is not my ministry. It is yours and it is important. For me, so much good happens here that I must support this ministry. Also, by being a Free Will Baptist I pledged my support to this ministry. If *all* churches would give their support, only a little would be required of each church. But, as usual, a few are carrying the load. If you would like to know if Cragmont is worthy of your support, ask those who have experienced the Divine while they were here.

### **GAUTHIER JOINS PROGRAM**

Mr. Roland Gauthier, a member of Bethany Church, Winterville, NC, was admitted into care with the Free Will Baptist Retirement Homes, Inc., the latter part of May 1991. He is pictured here in front of the apartment where he lives today.

At the time Mr. Gauthier, accompanied by his pastor, the Rev. David Parrish, visited the Retirement Homes office requesting residency, there were no vacancies. Realizing the applicant's need for assistance, the executive director of Retirement Homes quickly negotiated a twelve-month rental agreement with the owner of Winterville Square Apartments, Winterville, NC. Upon the apartment being cleaned and furnished with appliances, Mr. Gauthier, with the help of his pastor, took residence in the apartment.

Mr. Gauthier will pay monthly 30% of his retirement income to Retirement Homes. In return, he will receive the benefits and services offered by Retirement Homes to all who are admitted in-



Roland Gauthier

to our care. He can be contacted through the Retirement Homes office or by writing: Winterville Square Apartments, Winterville, NC 28590; or by telephone, 321-0304.

Retirement Homes address is Box 39, Ayden, NC 28513; telephone, 746-4963.

### **AUGUST MEANS THE OPENING OF FALL SEMESTER AT MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE**

The month of August finds Mount Olive College in a flurry of activity. Even though the work of the College continues throughout the summer, nothing compares to the opening of fall semester.

Freshmen will move into the dorms on Sunday, August 18, when a "million" questions are asked and answered. Carpet, bedspreads, favorite pieces of furniture, stuffed animals, posters, and clothes are carried into dorm rooms. With help from Mom and Dad, sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles, grandparents, and an assortment of boyfriends and girlfriends, new freshmen make a home away from home—perhaps for the very first time.

Returning and transfer students move into the dorms and apartments, and provide a calmer

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*Preparing for college*—Mount Olive College Admissions Counselor Tim Woodard helps these Free Will Baptist students make their college plans at the Summer Orientation for incoming freshmen. Pictured in the front row, from left, Melanie Swinson of Harmony Church in Wilson County, a graduate of Hunt High School; Tim Woodard; Angela Morgan of May's Chapel Church in Wayne County, a graduate of Southern Wayne High School; Darlene Smith of Northeast Church in Wayne County, a graduate of Southern Wayne High School; and, back row, Mark Knudsen and Mike Knudsen of Welcome Home Church in Carteret County, graduates of East Carteret High School.

Approximately 150 students and parents toured the Mount Olive College campus, receiving information about the academic program, student affairs, financial aid, residence life, and careers. The students also met with advisors and registered for classes. Parents participated in a program designed just for them. Fall semester begins on Sunday, August 18, when the residence halls open for freshmen (photo by Patti O'Donoghue).

atmosphere. Those more experienced students always find time to lend a helping hand or answer a question.

Student Assistants at MOC can be found scooting around campus, making the transition from summer relaxation to the discipline of attending classes easier. Moving from high school to college—from being told what to do, to doing what needs to be done without being told—can be a giant leap. Student Assistants, professors, administrators, all College personnel are there to offer guidance and assistance.

Planning for fall semester began long before Sunday, August 18, when the freshmen move into the dorms and Thursday, August 22, when daytime classes begin. Each day is carefully scheduled so that the many details of attending Mount Olive College are accomplished as efficiently and easily as possible.

A general outline of the introduction to fall semester follows. Students who are registered should already have their information in hand. For those who have not registered and wish to do so, contact Dianne B. Riley at the College Admissions Office, today.

*Sunday, August 18*—Freshmen move into dorms, Parents' Orientation, advising sessions, family picnic in dorm area, entertainment, residence hall meeting.

*Monday, August 19*—Transfer students arrive, advising sessions, freshman testing, World's Largest Banana Split Party.

*Tuesday, August 20*—Orientation/Advisement sessions, Freshman Scholars and Leaders meet, Freshman Seminar, Outing Experience at Eagles Nest.

*Wednesday, August 21*—Returning students arrive, registration for classes (permit to register required), freshmen meet, late registration, varsity soccer scrimmage, returning Scholars meet, all students meet in College Hall, social in student center.



*At Mount Olive College's Summer Orientation*—Christian Waters of Saint Mary's Church in Craven County, left, and Beverly Thornton of Aspen Grove Church in Wilson County, right, look over the Summer Orientation schedule with MOC Admissions Counselor Tim Woodard. Waters, a graduate of New Bern Senior High School, and Ms. Thornton, a graduate of Greene Central High School, are the 1991-92 recipients of the Nido Qubein Associates Scholarship, established by Nido R. Qubein of High Point, Class of 1968, and his wife Marianne. Mount Olive College offers Free Will Baptists a \$1,500 FWB Grant, payable \$750 per semester, to full-time students who are members of churches in the Convention of Original FWB. The College works diligently to assist worthy and needy students in financing their education, granting in excess of \$2 million in financial aid during 1990-91 (photo by Patti O'Donoghue).



*Thursday, August 22—*  
**CLASSES BEGIN!** Seniors meet, "A Celebration" with Steven Creech and Jerry Jolly, guitarists, in Rodgers Chapel.

*Monday, August 26,* the regular schedule continues, and Fall Convocation, the official gathering of the entire college family, will be held on *Tuesday, August 27.*

For more information, contact the Admissions Office, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365. Telephone (919) 658-2502.

### **HIGHLIGHTING MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE GRADUATES AT WORK**

A degree from Mount Olive College provides valuable preparation for the world of work. These photos of Free Will Baptists, Tanya Newson, Gary Tyner, and Ron Williams, show three career options that may be pursued following graduation.

**Tanya D. Newson, class of 1988, Controller, Real Estate Management Services, Century 21 Dees & Tyndall, Goldsboro.** Ms. Newson is responsible for all phases of accounting for the real estate, rental, home construction, and mortgage services of the company.

A member of Piney Grove Church in Duplin County, she received a bachelor of science



Gary Tyner inspects the veneer on desk back panels at the Boling Furniture plant in Mount Olive, NC.

degree in management and accounting. Following graduation from Mount Olive College, Ms. Newson enrolled in graduate school and earned a masters of science degree in accounting.

**W. Gary Tyner, class of 1988, Purchasing Agent, The Boling Company, Mount Olive.** Tyner has been employed at the furniture company for three years. He is in charge of purchasing all raw materials needed for production

at the plant.

A member of Grant's Chapel Church in Wayne County, he received a bachelor of science degree in business management.

**Ronald A. Williams, class of 1987, Center Leader II, Goldsboro Recreation and Parks Department.** Employed by the department for four years, he plans, implements, and supervises programs for children ages three and up.



Tanya Newson adds some figures at her desk at Century 21 Dees & Tyndall Real Estate Management Services in Goldsboro, NC.





Ron Williams tests the chemical levels in the indoor pool at the Wayne County Memorial Community Building in Goldsboro (photos by Patti O'Donoghue).

Williams, a member of Stoney Creek Church, Wayne County, received a bachelor of science degree in recreation and leisure studies.

## 1991 PLANNING SESSIONS

### Mount Olive College Dinners

The annual church dinners for Mount Olive College are being scheduled now, according to Jean F. Ackiss, MOC director of Church Support and Dinner Chairman. Dates for the first 14 dinners are listed below. Representatives from each church are encouraged to attend their county meeting.

*Greene County*, Thursday, August 15, 7:30 p.m., Hull Road Church, near Snow Hill.

*Beaufort County*, Friday, August 16, 7:30 p.m., Free Union Church, near Pinetown.

*Jones County*, Sunday, August 18, 3 p.m., Whaley's Chapel Church, near Richlands.

*Lenoir County*, Monday, August 19, 7:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall, First Church, Kinston.

*Edgecombe County*, Tuesday, August 20, 7:30 p.m., First Church, Tarboro.

*Wayne County*, Thursday, August 22, 7:30 p.m., First Church, Goldsboro.

*Onslow-Brunswick Counties*, Friday, August 23, 7:30 p.m., Folkstone Church, Folkstone.

*Nash County*, Sunday, August 25, 3 p.m., Free Union Church, near Spring Hope.

*Duplin County*, Monday, August 26, 7:30 p.m., Cabin Church, near Beulaville.

*Craven County*, Thursday, August 29, 7:30 p.m., Saint Mary's Church, New Bern.

*Carteret County*, Friday, August 30, 7:30 p.m., Crab Point Church, Morehead City.

*Pamlico County*, Sunday, September 1, 3 p.m., Rock of Zion Church, Grantsboro.

*Johnston-Wake Counties*, Tuesday, September 3, 7:30 p.m., First Church, Smithfield.

*Washington, Tyrrell, Martin Counties*, Thursday, September 5, 7:30 p.m., Mount Tabor Church, near Creswell.

## CHURCH AVAILABLE

Winterville Free Will Baptist Church, Winterville, is in need of a full-time pastor. A parsonage is available. Any interested person is asked to contact Judy Williams, at 756-1694.

## Mount Olive College and Me

### JENNIFER BAREFOOT, CLASS OF 1992

**Major:** Business, minor in English

**Hometown:** Spivey's Corner

**Church:** Robert's Grove, Sampson County

**Activities:** Mount Olive College Singers,  
Student Government Association, 1990

**Miss MOC, Resident Assistant**



"There is a spirit at MOC. You can find it in the pleasant interaction between students and students and between students and faculty. There is love here, and love is the basis of religion. Because of my Free Will Baptist heritage, that spirit is important to me.

"I transferred to Mount Olive from another college. Why? It took going away from home for a year to see what I really wanted. I wanted a college close to home that provides support and security, along with freedom to be what I want to be.

"Through the Mount Olive College Singers I have met all kinds of people, performed in places like Disney World, Macey's Thanksgiving Day Parade, and nursing homes. In fact, I'm still writing to a lady who is a resident of a nursing home in Tarboro. There are big doors and little doors in life. Sometimes it's the little doors that mean the most."



## MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE DINING HALL UPDATE

Since the mid-June report, nine additional churches have made commitments to the Mount Olive College Dining Hall campaign. This brings the total to 32 churches (and church groups) participating in the project.

Two churches—**Marsh Swamp Church in Wilson County, Ray Wells, pastor,** and **Sound View Church in Carteret County, A. Graham Lane, pastor**—have joined the Head Table Club. Members of the Head Table Club have made pledges of \$10,000 or more (payable over a five-year period).

Other churches making gifts and pledges since the last report include:

Church	Pastor
Spring Hill Church, Wayne County	David Cauley
Saint Mary's Grove Church, Johnston County	Billy Nowell
Beulaville Church, Duplin County	Chris Singleton
Little Creek Church, Greene County	Frank Flowers
Gethsemane Church, Craven County	Lonnie Mann
May's Chapel Church, Wayne County	Dwayne Jones
Piney Grove Church, Pitt County	Mike Daniels
Bethel Church, Pamlico County	Swade Benson
Hugo Church, Lenoir County	Tom Miller
Thomasboro Church, Brunswick County	Jerome Jenrette
Smith's New Home Church, Lenoir County	Walter Sutton
Elm Grove Woman's Auxiliary, Pitt County	Teresa Ball, president
Marsh Swamp Layman's League, Wilson County	Roney Bunn Jr. president

The College's goal is to obtain the \$2 million in gifts and pledges required for the project by the Wednesday, September 11, 1991, groundbreaking date. All friends of the College are invited to the groundbreaking. The ceremony is set for 1 p.m. (during the lunch period of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists) and will be held at the building site adjacent to College Hall.

### Progress as of mid-July 1991

Estimated costs of project	\$2,000,000
Gifts and pledges to date	<u>1,129,776</u>
Amount needed	870,224



August 1991

## MEETING SCHEDULED

The annual meeting of the membership of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc. will be held in the Fellowship Hall of Ayden Free Will Baptist Church, Ayden, North Carolina, on Tuesday, September 3, at 10 a.m., for the purpose of electing the appropriate number of Directors, receiving reports from officers, and transacting such business as may properly come before the meeting.



The members of Hillsberry Church have a new sign! The sign was dedicated on July 14 during a celebration of worship led by the Eastern Conference Missions Board.

The members of Agape Church, Cary, consecrated their new building on Sunday, June 16. The congregation is now worshipping in their new facility. The Rev. Ronnie Hall serves as pastor of this congregation.





## 1991 STATE YOUTH CONVENTION WINNERS

### Art and Crafts

#### Cherubs

First	Jamie Harrison Albemarle, Union Chapel
Second	Paula Kennedy Western, Kenly Church
Third	Ashley Meads Central, Tarboro

#### AFC

Gina Backmann Cape Fear, Vandora Springs
Claire Taylor Albemarle, Hickory Chapel
Richie Meads Central, Tarboro

#### YFA

Susan Shepard Albemarle, Shiloh
Aaron Adams Central, Rose Hill
Greta Summer Eastern, Sandy Plain

### Talent

#### Cherubs

First	Tarboro Cherubs Central, Tarboro
Second	Alex Joyner Western, Little Rock
Third	Jordan Lee Cape Fear, St. Mary's Grove

#### AFC

Sandy Plain Eastern, Sandy Plain
Dawn Poperowitz Central, Elm Grove
Kenly Western, Kenly Church

#### YFA

Little Rock Western, Little Rock
King's Cross Roads Central, King's Cross Roads
Duwayann Ward Pee Dee, Cypress Creek



## Public Speaking

### AFC

First

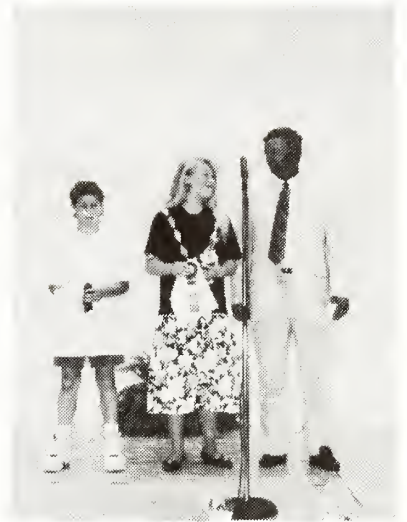
Kelly King  
Eastern, West Side

Second

Jamie Burgess  
Albemarle, Hickory Chapel

### YFA

Kelly Britton  
Albemarle, Hickory Chapel



## Lesson Presentation

### AFC

First

Christy Edmondson  
Central, Tarboro

Second

Kelly Reynolds  
Albemarle, Sound Side

Third

Christy Flowers  
Western, Kenly

### YFA

Neal Overton  
Albemarle, Hickory Chapel  
Michelle Willis  
Central, Reedy Branch



## Christian Writing

### AFC

First

Gretta Cutrell  
Albemarle, Sound Side

Second

Valeria Dixon  
Central, Black Jack

Third

Chris Dwiggins  
Cape Fear, Haymount

### YFA

Ted Williams  
Central, Tarboro  
Vanessa Daw  
Albemarle, Free Union  
Kimberly Shepard  
Eastern, Verona





# NIGHT OF EVANGELISM

## Tuesday, September 10

Rodgers Chapel  
Mount Olive College  
Mount Olive, NC



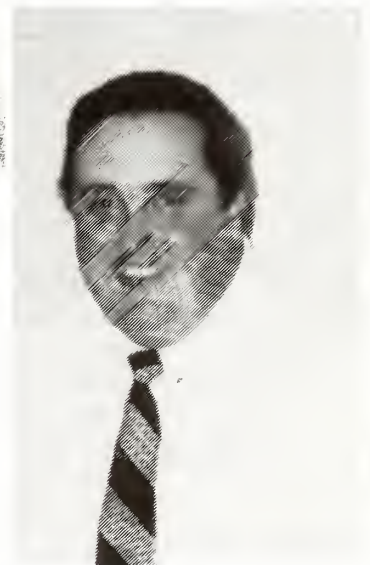
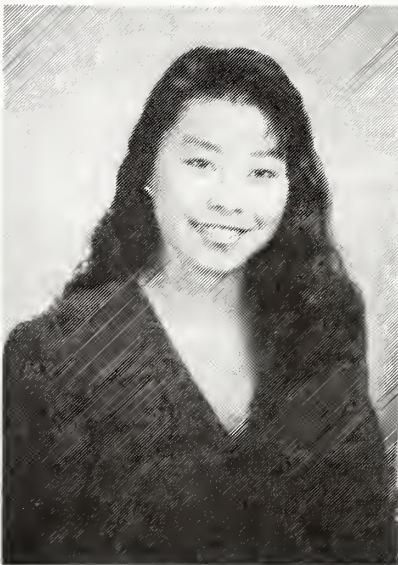
Special Music provided by the Choir of Core Creek Church, Cove City, NC  
Message from the Rev. Melvin Everington



# 1991 MISSIONS RALLY

## Wednesday, September 11

College Hall  
Mount Olive College  
Mount Olive, NC



Special Music provided by Kaonou Mouanoutoua  
Lao Evangelical Church, Santa Ana, CA

Greetings from the Rev. Bob Harber  
Missionary to the Lao Evangelical Church

Greetings from the President of the Lao Evangelical Church  
(of Laos)

Message from the Rev. Al Markuson  
Pastor of Genesis Mission



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# ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

## TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARDS



TEACHER OF CHILDREN  
(Nursery—Grade 6)

TEACHER OF YOUTH  
(Grades 7—12)

TEACHER OF ADULTS  
(All others)

The Teacher of the Year Awards is a program to honor outstanding Sunday School teachers. This program is revised and replaces any preceding nominating forms or packets. The Board felt that a less cumbersome procedure would be more acceptable and applicable. The procedure to nominate a teacher is the same for each category (an adult should help with the Children or Youth nominations).

Please be specific in every statement and/or response you write as you follow these guidelines.

**I. Any Sunday School Class/Council/Representative** may submit a nomination for

Teacher of the Year Award. In your nomination please include:

1. Why you offer this person to be the Children or Youth or Adult Teacher of the Year.
2. Specifics about the teacher's
  - Teaching methods,
  - Being prepared,
  - Student involvement,
  - Instructional materials,
  - Inspirational influence,
  - Involvement with students outside class time.

**II. Nominee**

1. Should include the following information in a brief statement:
  - Number of years taught,
  - Objectives and goals,
  - If certified by F.W.B. Teacher Certification Program,
  - Attendance at Teacher Workshops, Sunday School Institutes, Self Preparation, and other study courses,
  - Other additional pertinent information.
2. Should be prepared to offer an acceptance speech (two to three minutes).

**III. Pastor**

The pastor should offer comments relating to the nominee's Christian character.

**Deadline is August 10, 1991!** All nominations should be received by this date.

Mail the nomination to: Teacher of the Year  
Sunday School Board  
P.O. Box 39  
Ayden, North Carolina 28513



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# SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Superintendent of the Year is a program to honor outstanding Sunday School Superintendents. This program is revised and replaces any preceding nominating forms or packets. The Board felt that a less cumbersome procedure would be more acceptable and applicable.

Please be specific in every statement and/or response you write as you follow these guidelines.

**I. Any Sunday School Class/Council/Representative** may submit a nomination for the Superintendent of the Year Award. In your nomination please include:

1. Why you offer this person to be the Superintendent of the Year.
2. Specifics about the superintendent's
  - Leadership,
  - Being prepared,
  - Inspirational influence,
  - Involvement with Sunday School other than assembly,
  - Rapport with Sunday School teachers and officers,
  - Direction for the Sunday School's teaching methods/staffing.

**II. Nominee**

1. Should include the following information in a brief statement:
  - Number of years as superintendent,
  - Objectives and goals.
  - If certified by F.W.B. Superintendent Certification Program,
  - Attendance at Sunday School Workshops and Institutes, Self Preparation, and other study courses,
  - Additional thoughts, feelings, or experiences in being a superintendent which you feel are important.
2. Should be prepared to offer an acceptance speech (two to three minutes).

**III. Pastor**

The pastor should offer comments relating to the nominee's Christian character.

**Deadline is August 10, 1991!** All nominations should be received by this date.

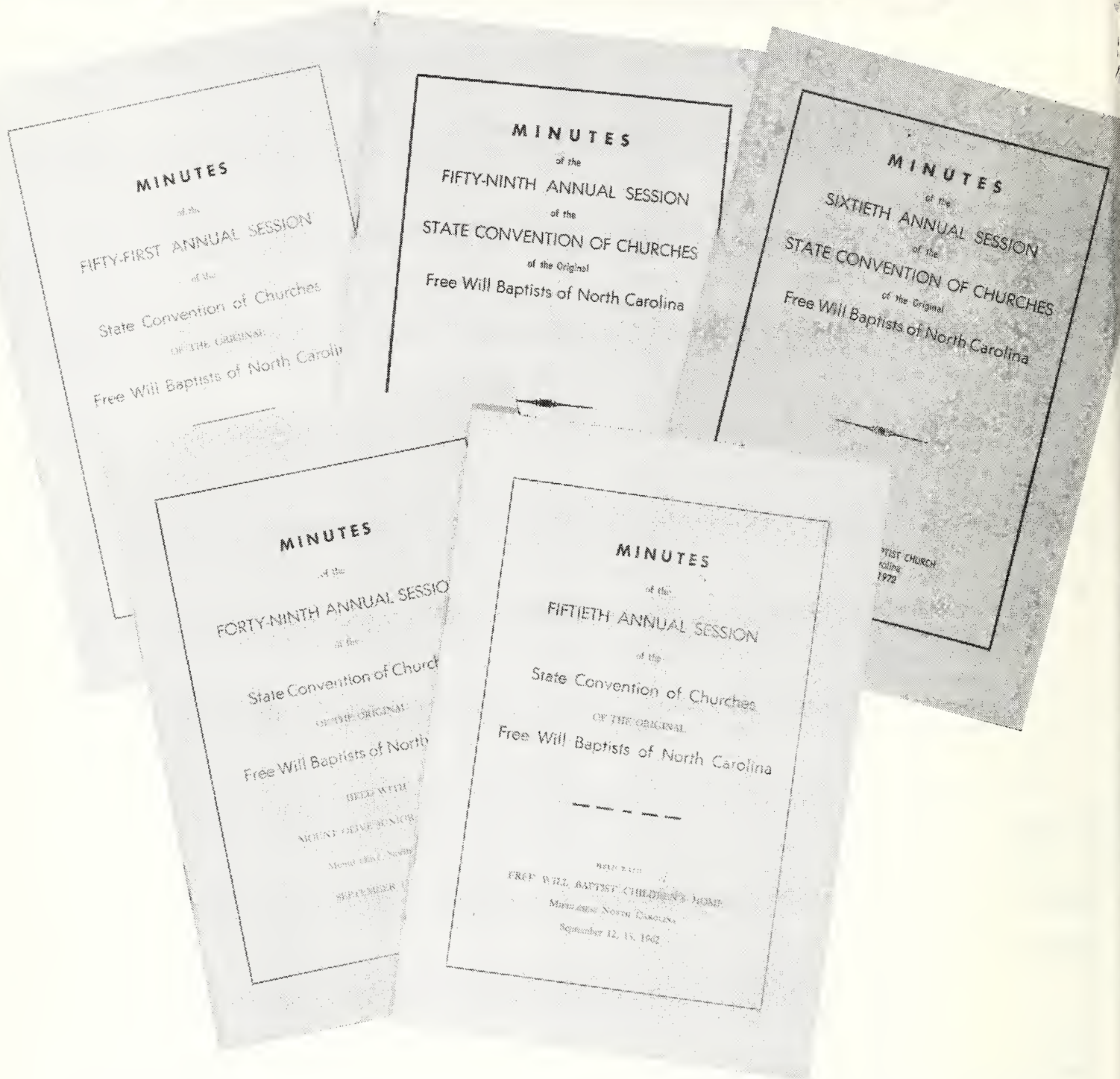
Mail the nomination to: Superintendent of the Year  
Sunday School Board  
P.O. Box 39  
Ayden, North Carolina 28513

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TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARDS  
and  
SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD BANQUET  
September 6, 1991  
Daniels Chapel Church, Wilson, NC  
Friday, 7:00 P.M.







## THE CONVENTION OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

by C. H. Overman, *General Secretary*

In its seventy-eighth annual session, meeting at Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, NC, September 11-13, 1990, the North Carolina State Convention adopted a constitutional change which changed its name to "The Convention of Original Free Will Baptists." This change was based mainly on the concept

of broadening the scope of the Convention to allow groups of Free Will Baptists in other areas to unite in a larger body without feeling that it was only for North Carolina Free Will Baptists.

Throughout the almost seventy-nine years of its existence, there have been many changes in the structure of this convention of churches. Most of the



changes have taken place out of necessity and need. When orphaned children became fewer and fewer, we chose to change the name of our "orphanage" to "Children's Home." When Free Will Baptists in our state saw the need for a place of spiritual retreat—a camp—we purchased property; and thus, "Cragmont Assembly" was born. When we recognized the need for an institution of higher education, Mount Olive (Junior) College was born. The idea for such a place of learning certainly was not new, for years before, such had existed in the form of Eureka School and Ayden Seminary. Also, as needs arose in the area of missions, we set forth those boards that would provide for such work to be carried out.

Regarding the Convention's name change, such has occurred before. In looking over some of the older minutes of our Convention, we found that prior to 1936, it was known as "State Convention of Churches of the (Original) Free Will Baptists of North Carolina." In its twenty-fourth annual session, meeting at Hopewell Church, Johnston County, the Convention voted to change its name to "Free Will Baptist State Association." Some years later, it was again changed to "State Convention of Churches of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina."

Although changes have taken place within the Convention, its purpose as stated in the Preamble, has remained the same: "... to advance, promote, and increase the cause of Jesus Christ..." In reality, everything we do must be focused on this stated purpose.

We noted in the earlier years that the time of its meeting was not stated in the Constitution and By-Laws, as it now is, which states: "This convention shall hold an annual session commencing on Wednesday after the second Sunday in September of each year, the place of such meetings to be determined by the convention or the executive committee. Special sessions may be called by the executive committee in the event of the existence of needs of sufficient urgency" (Article I, Section II).

Concerning the composition of the Convention, the Constitution and By-Laws of the fourteenth annual session reads: "The Convention shall be composed of all the ordained ministers belonging to the Convention; one delegate from each church in good standing; one delegate from each Union Meeting, Conference and Association in good standing for every one thousand members or a fraction thereof" (Article II, Section 2). Our present Constitution and By-laws read as follows:

"The Convention shall be composed of the general officers, members of standing boards, committees or commissions, all ordained ministers, and heads of institutions and enterprises who are laymen, belonging to conferences or associations that are affiliated with the convention, or who personally subscribe and adhere to the *Articles of Faith and*

*Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists (of the English General Baptist Heritage)*; one delegate from each church in good standing for every one hundred members or a fraction thereof, and one delegate from each union meeting, conference, or association in good standing for every five hundred members of a fraction thereof" (Article II, Section 2).

This increase in the number of delegates that may represent has allowed for greater involvement. If a church or conference is not taking advantage of this larger representation, then no one else is to blame.

The 1925 session of the Convention contained in Article III of the By-Laws provisions for an Orphanage Board, Board of Finance, Board of Superannuation, Board of Missions, Church Extension Board, Board of Auditors, and a Board of Surveyors. Then there are several pages stating the rules for the government of the various boards. The minutes of the 1953 minutes, under Article III, "Duties and Responsibilities," contains seventeen sections describing the duties and responsibilities of the various boards and committees. The minutes of our last session contain a total of twenty-five sections, which describe the duties and responsibilities. This shows us something of the changes that have taken place in the Convention.

Of major concern for Free Will Baptists today is the increasingly financial demands of our ministries and programs. At a time when we have experienced considerable growth in the area of missions, education, child care, retirement programs, etc., we are not growing numerically. In fact, active membership in our churches has not kept pace with the growth of our ministries. We can indeed be proud of the success of our ministries, but at some point and time, we must address the matter of church growth, for therein lies the secret of a success or failure in the years to come.

In our *Articles of Faith* it is stated:

"The State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists... was organized in 1913 for the purpose of extending the denominational program. It is a coordinating body working for the cooperation of the churches, conferences, ministers, and institutions of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina. (Note: in our next printing of this Booklet, the appropriate changes will be made in regards to the name change.)

"The... Convention is both an inclusive and an exclusive body. It is inclusive in that it is made up of all bodies and institutions of Original Free Will Baptists who accept the usage, customs, and practices reflected in the *Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists (of the English General Baptist Heritage)*."

The Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, as always, will be facing challenges in the years to come. It is our prayer that we will always rise to the occasion. We do have a lot to be thankful for. We do have a goodly heritage in the work of our Convention. May it ever be so!





# FORECAST OF FOREBODING

by Charles Barnard

An ominous cloud of discomfiture and despair is settling ever so quickly upon our beloved Original Free Will Baptist churches. For years, disinterest for spiritual matters among our youth and younger adults has served as a precursor of darker times ahead. Declining membership, vacant pulpits, and waning revenues serve as harbingers of more somber days to come. Even the most exuberant optimist must admit that his "rose colored glasses" have blurred a bit with each passing shadowy mist of apathy.

From where do such dim and dismal prognostications arise? Who would dare to espouse

such heretical rhetoric? Is this the propaganda of some sinister fringe element or the mere babblings of a disgruntled hypocrite? Why am I wasting my time reading such dribble? you may ask. (I can hear your mind as queries begin to form and see your face flush with color as you read through these paragraphs. But, please, read through the entire article before passing judgment.)

It has often been said that, "every cloud has a silver lining." Romans 8:28 lends credence to this axiom. If, indeed, we are experiencing an ever-widening circumference of disillusionment among



our constituency, it must be confirmed as a call to arms, not to retreat. Opposition is not to be viewed as an invitation to failure, but as an opportunity for victory. The promises of Revelation 2 and 3 are to overcomers, not defeatists!

The problems plaguing our corporate ministries are indictative of those faced locally in our churches. These obstacles in the path of unity and growth have been broached by various groups in a variety of contexts. I have overheard dialogue encouraging everything from the simplistic to the elaborate, from the "storm the beaches" militant to the "close up shop" whimperer, and varying shades of thought in between. Truly, we seem a ship cast away from its moorings without sail or anchor.

As a pastor, parent, and church member, I can readily identify with you as you encounter this fog of bewilderment and uncertainty. My outside readings and associations lead me to believe that Original Free Will Baptists are not alone in this predicament. A general spiritual malaise is affecting all strata of protestant evangelical religious life in America. The severity of devastation has varied widely depending upon the reaction and remedies employed by each entity.

My personal analysis of our present dilemma is that somewhere in the hazy past we began to take our Christian heritage and God's blessings for granted. Liberal nonsectarian ideology eclipsed conservative denominational dogma. Fundamental and foundational biblical education in the home and in the Sunday School was abdicated to the so-called experts. Lines of parental and ecclesiastical authority were erased and a generation of dysfunctional biblical illiterates resulted.

These are harsh words, I know. However, this assumption is qualified in most congregations when the people are called upon by the minister to turn to such obscure texts as Micah 6, Malachi 3, or the Book of Jude. Or, when opportunity is given for members to share their favorite memory verse and John 3:16 is given thirty new and obtuse expressions.

In hand with our obvious lack of biblical familiarity and understanding is the declining number of persons willing to be called upon to lead in public prayer. Naturally, a departure from the Word of God will lead to an ineptitude at communion with God by way of prayer. (At this point I must add that there are still, thank God, some of you who have preserved and are even now growing in the grace of the Lord!)

In addition to the above misfortunes are the deeply ingrained prejudices of self-preoccupation, out-dated administrative practices, racial and social discrimination, and anemic stewardship practices. Brethren, the fields *ARE* still white unto harvest. Heaven is not in a recession. God has not run out of resources. Why have we?

Our Convention's Executive Committee is to be applauded for their efforts to turn the tide over the past several years. In 1985, a call was made and an outline proposed to meet our denomination's need for (1) Identity, (2) Revitalization, (3) Growth, and (4) Unification. Sadly, not every Free Will Baptist member and/or pastor responded. We are now in the midst of a five-year emphasis based upon the theme of "Hear the Word of the Lord." It is hoped that we will be encouraged to go a step farther in redefining our heritage and in reclaiming our ship's moorings.

Our General Secretary has recently proposed an overhaul in our training efforts. He has suggested a renewal and reorganization of our youth program, that it combine the training concept of the League with our other youth work. Our Foreign Missions Director unceasingly puts forth a call for prayer and revival. Other ministry leaders have voiced similar concepts for reformation and realignment.

Is it possible that we might learn something from our own government? Many agencies have come into being to combat the ills affecting our society. Why not establish a task force to combat biblical illiteracy? Several past presidents of our Convention remain active in our churches. Could they not form the nucleus of such a group? A comprehensive plan involving persons, materials, and other resources from across the denomination at all levels could be formulated and implemented. Can we not reinvest our efforts at stamping out biblical ineptitude during this decade? Surely, a return to the spiritual and denominational confidence of past generations can be fostered.

I challenge every local pastor and congregation to develop and maintain programs of discipleship training for all new converts/members through your existing Sunday Schools. You must begin this training at the earliest possible time for maximum advantage to the new convert/member and the church. Again, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." The restoration of biblical integrity and denominational identity will result when emphasis is placed on positive church discipline and every member involvement. Your involvement in a grassroots effort to recycle and refurbish our historical perspective will go a long way in redirecting our ship of faith.

Fortunately, we serve a God who gives us a second chance. Storm clouds can be seeded to accelerate their dissipation. The sun can shine brightly through the fog. Rainbows of hope and promise are realized. A ship, battered by years of harsh weather, can be restored and newly outfitted.

Many would say the one primary ingredient for a successful reclamation process is missing. I don't agree. Look in the mirror and you will see just what it will take to refit our ship and to provide opportunity for its future.





# THE CHURCH AND THE 21ST CENTURY

by Gary Burbage

If the Lord tarries and we find ourselves in the 21st Century, what should we look for? How can the body of Jesus Christ—the church—minister to the needs of this new age? Demographic trends that are currently developing may lend insight to pastors and other church leaders as we prepare *now* for a generation that in many regards, will be unlike any other of the past.

A recent Sunday School lesson referred to the church as “ambassadors.” Regardless of the term used—ambassador, minister, preacher—they all give reference to you and me—“the called.” *And*, we have a job to do. We are in business—A BIG BUSINESS. “What business is the church in?” you may ask. Jesus called it the “Father’s business” (Luke 2:49). As in any business, if you know what to look for, you can **plan** your business strategy ahead of time.

Let’s take a quick glimpse at some emerging trends that may help shape the ministry needs of a different world.

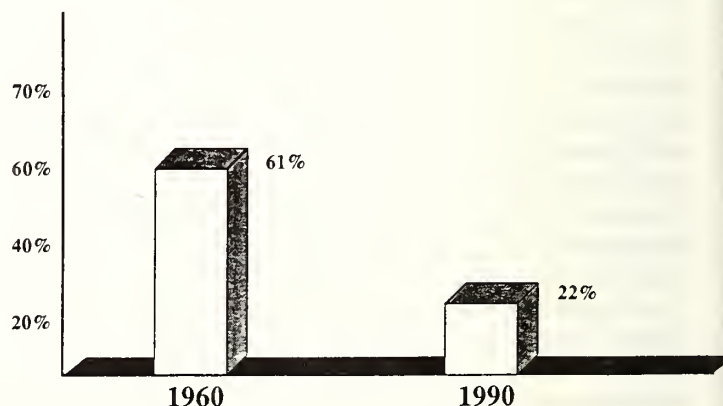
**1. Minorities will be the majority.** In other words, “everyone” will belong to a minority group by the early stages of the next century. In ten years, white males will represent less than 50% of our work force. In twenty years, the majority of households will not be married couples. Hispanics will become the nation’s largest minority by the year 2010.

The diversity of the population in the 21st Century will create tremendous opportunity for the church. We will be challenged to get the “message of the gospel” to many cultures, age groups, and lifestyles. The church in the 21st Century **must** be an

“open-door” church in order to fulfill its mission and realize its potential.

**2. Ministry Opportunities will come to those who look beyond traditional family concepts.** In ten years, more than 50% of all children will be part of single-parent homes. Babies born to unmarried mothers will increase. Most children will never experience a mom who didn’t work outside the home.

## HOMES WHERE DAD IS PRIMARY INCOME EARNER AND MOM STAYS AT HOME





According to the Census Bureau, the married-with-children life continued to fall from favor in the USA during the last decade. And researchers say that the learning, emotional, behavioral and developmental problems of children under the age of 18 can be traced to the continuing dissolution of the two-parent family. Our Sunday Schools may be the only stable force that can reach our nation's young people in the years ahead. Are our Sunday Schools ready to meet the challenge?

Homosexual marriages will gain legal status in all fifty states within the next ten years, according to some experts in the field of sociological legal issues. *USA Today* recently reported that a newspaper owned by *The Washington Post* has been printing announcements of homosexual "weddings." The Everett, Washington, *Herald*, with a circulation of 52,000, changed the name of the "Wedding Book" page to the "Celebration" page. Because homosexuals can not legally marry (yet), *The Herald* will call such announcements as "bonding" ceremonies instead of "weddings."

Traditional concepts of family are changing and variety of ministry opportunities will be a common thread among the churches experiencing growth. Support groups for the newly divorced and widows and widowers are viable considerations. Also, singles-only services and programs could provide meaningful ministry.

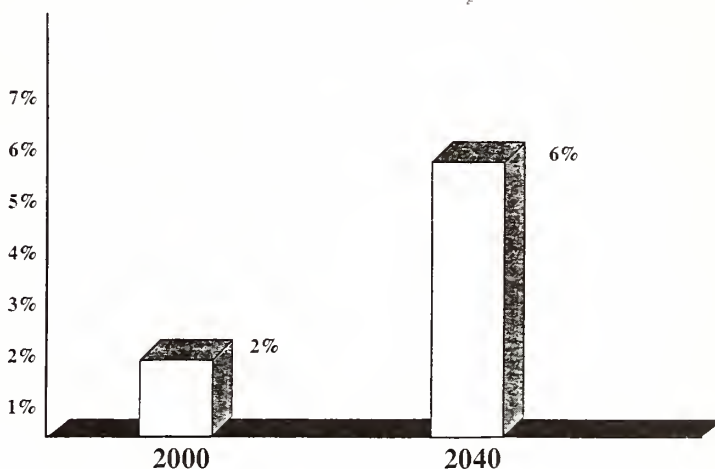
3. **Older Americans will outnumber us all.** People aged 45 and older will gain in number by 18 million within the next 10 years. Churches located in retirement communities should prepare to increase ministry activities to reach a growing population. Over 3.5 million people will turn 62 in 2009. That's 63% more than in 1990. This generation may be the beginning of the end to grandparenting. As our

younger population of parents divorce, chances are that the children will never see their paternal grandparents again. The link between grandparents and grandchildren is losing ground as divorced mothers sever ties with their former spouse. Because of epidemic divorce, grandparents of the 21st Century will have relatively few grandchildren.

Senior citizens during this time are expected to be the most affluent of any age group in our nation's history. Leisure time activities will be a driving force in their lives. More time to spend doing church-related activities may prove to be a blessing for pastors searching for volunteers.

4. **As our population ages, we will be faced with the most spiritual, physical, legal, confrontational and moral issue since abortion.** The right-to-die (my term, the right-to-kill) will become increasingly significant. Last year, the U. S. Supreme Court established the right-to-die for terminally ill patients. The door is now open. This landmark decision could especially affect our senior adults as they or their guardians of care contemplate their right of existence. The church must be up for a spiritual battle as this issue gains acceptance.

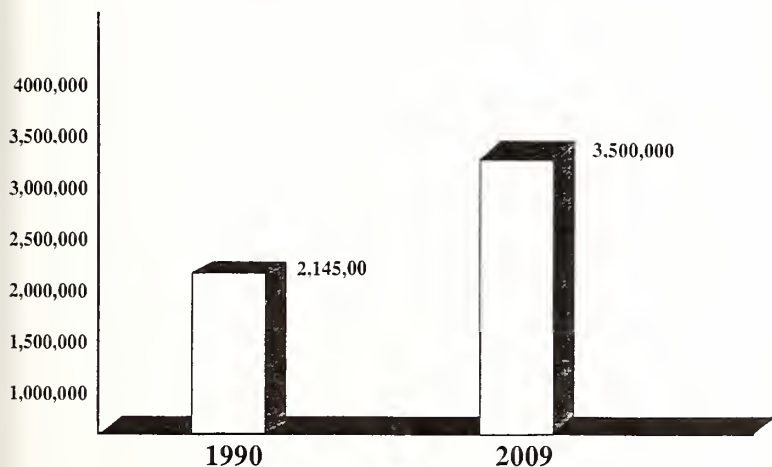
#### PERCENTAGE OF U.S. POPULATION 85 OR OLDER



Focusing on our changing population will serve as a catalyst for new programs and services the church should provide. If we are serious about ministering in a shifting America, **NOW IS THE TIME!**

FACTS ON FIGURES: Many of these forecasts are based on population projections from *American Demographics*, December 1990.

#### NUMBER OF ADULTS CELEBRATING THEIR 62nd BIRTHDAY





# REMEMBERING LOUISE EDGERTON

## Memorial Tribute

July 30, 1907—May 23, 1991  
 Union Grove Free Will Baptist Church  
 May 25, 1991  
 W. Burkette Raper, President  
 Mount Olive College



We stand at the eve of Memorial Day—a day which calls us to remember.

The Book of Ecclesiasticus in Chapter 44 describes two kinds of people:

Some there are who have left a name behind them to be commemorated.

There are others who are unremembered;  
 they are dead

and it is as though they had never existed,  
 as though they have never been born.

Louise Edgerton is certainly among those who have left a name to be commemorated.

How shall we remember her?

My memory of Louise goes back to the day I became 21. I had come back to the Free Will Baptist Children's Home at Middlesex, where I had been reared, and Louise was on the staff that year. At lunch she took the lead in bringing out a birthday cake and I still remember how bright those candles were.

There were other people there that day, but for some reason Louise is the one with whom I have always associated that day. I have remembered her as the person who stood with me at the gate to manhood. That day, she became a special person in my life and I will always remember her for it.

You, too, have your treasured memories of her—how she touched your life—and that is why you are here today.

Louise Edgerton—a person who left a name to be remembered.

Last evening—more than 40 years after that birthday event—I had another experience that has enriched my memory of her. I took two Bibles which I found in her bedroom and went through them. Yes,

two Bibles:

One, a *King James* edition—that classic translation of the Bible into the English language 380 years ago; and  
*The Living Bible*—which is in the language of our generation.

And I thought how much like Louise—her faith rooted in the historic values of the past but her face oriented to the modern world in which she lived.

Now, I think we all would agree that what people put in their Bibles have special meaning to them. Her Bibles had become a file of some things that I believe are an image of her soul.

As we all know, Louise never married and in her later years she lived by herself. In one of her Bibles, I found a clipping entitled, "A Prayer for Those Who Live Alone." Let me share it with you:

I live alone, dear Lord,  
 Stay by my side,  
 In all my daily needs,  
 Be Thou my guide.  
 Grant me good health,  
 For that indeed, I pray,  
 To carry on my work  
 From day to day.  
 Keep pure my mind,  
 My thoughts, my every deed,  
 Let me be kind, unselfish  
 In my neighbor's need.  
 Spare me from fire, from flood,  
 Malicious tongues,

From thieves, from fear,  
 And evil ones.  
 If sickness or an accident befall,  
 Then humbly, Lord, I pray,  
 Hear Thou my call.  
 And when I'm feeling low,  
 Or in despair,  
 Lift up my heart,  
 And help me in my prayer.  
 I live alone, dear Lord,  
 Yet have no fear,  
 Because I feel Your presence  
 Ever near. Amen.

(Anonymous)

This prayer must have had special meaning to her for she had three copies of it in her Bibles.

How will we remember Louise?

We will remember her as a person who believed in God.

I also found things in her Bible about her church—Union Grove where we are now gathered.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST



There were copies of the church budget and financial reports. These church items were there because the church was indeed a vital part of her life. Who can forget how much cooking she did and how many things she made for the Harvest Sales which for years were a highlight of this church and community? And what a cook she was! How often has my breakfast been made better by preserves from her pantry. Just this morning I enjoyed some of the last figs she preserved.

Who can forget the years she taught the Sunday School class which bears her name?

How did Louise feel about the church? Listen to this clipping which she had literally fastened to her Bible with a pin:

#### HOW DO YOU RATE THE CHURCH?

Suppose the church was going to vote on you at next conference to determine whether your support of the church justified keeping your name on the roll and just suppose that only the Lord Jesus would cast the vote—that none of your friends would be allowed to vote. On the basis of your action, conduct, attendance, and financial support—how would the Lord cast His vote?

There were also family items in her Bible—a letter from a cousin.

Louise will be remembered as one who loved her family. When the health of her parents declined, she came home to be with them. Who can forget her loyalty and loving care of her sister, Pattie?

When someone would invite Louise to their home for Christmas or some other special day, her answer was always the same: "I plan to go to Aunt Abba's. As long as I have a family, I feel that I should be with them."

Louise did not have a large family, but she will be remembered as one who loved the family she had.

How shall we remember Louise?

No memory of her would be complete that did not include her belief in education—a cause to which she dedicated her life. In her Bible was a picture of the eighth grade in 1926-27, possibly the first year that she taught and I found with this picture a prayer entitled, "A Prayer for Our Children Who Are Returning to School." A part of it read:

Lord, help our children to know the road  
you have chosen for them.  
Sustain them with your strength, and let  
them not be satisfied with easy goals.

Does that not sound like Louise—no easy goals. She never believed in mediocrity. Her vision was always focused on excellence.

Her family included the students whom she taught and for whom she prayed.

And, as you would expect, there was a clipping on Mount Olive College. She spent more than 40 years in public education and almost 20 years on the Mount Olive College Board of Trustees—a total of more than 60 years in education.

Her obituary in the newspapers reads, "She was the last surviving member of her family." Don't you believe a word of it! Every student she ever taught is a member of her family. She leaves no children of her own, but she leaves a legacy for children that are yet unborn. The Louise Edgerton *Family* Endowment at Mount Olive College will continue for generations yet to come the cause to which she devoted her life—helping young people to achieve the destiny for which God created them.

Louise Edgerton has made Union Grove Church and Mount Olive College the trustees of her legacy to mankind.

We stand on the eve of Memorial Day. How shall we remember Louise Edgerton?

I shall remember her in the words of Saint Paul to his friends at Philippi—I read from her Bible:

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true,  
whatsoever things are honest,  
whatsoever things are just,  
whatsoever things are pure,  
whatsoever things are lovely,  
whatsoever things are of good report;  
if there be any virtue,  
and if there be any praise,  
think on these things.

Those things, which ye have both learned, and received,  
and heard, and see in me, do; and the God of peace shall  
be with you (Philippians 4:8-9).

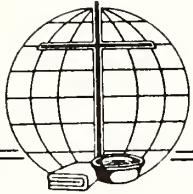
#### PRAYER

Eternal God, our Heavenly Father;  
You are the sovereign God who gave us life;  
You are our loving Father, beyond whose love and  
care we can never drift.  
You are from everlasting to everlasting,  
and we, your children, seek the embrace of  
your presence,  
for you are our refuge and our strength.  
We thank you for the gift of life:  
for the life we enjoy and for the lives of our loved  
ones.  
Especially today do we give thanks for the life of  
Louise Edgerton whose work is done, and done  
well.  
Let the memory of her life keep our hearts tender  
and our spirits sensitive.  
As we walk through the valley of this experience,  
help us to know that we are not alone.  
Remind us that a life that is lived for others never  
dies.  
And help us all to give thanks for the gift of eternal  
life which unites us with those who are at home  
with you.

Amen.

Services concluded at the Edgerton Family Cemetery.





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July 18, 1991

Dear Pastors,

First of all, I want to thank each of you for your support and prayers on behalf of our Convention.

Since the opening of the office of General Secretary two years ago, a good number of our churches have included our Convention's promotional work in their budgets. This, of course, allows for a more certain support base. The Convention's suggestion for support is that each church give at least \$1.00 per member, per year.

As previously announced, we have hired Mrs. Michelle Fordham as a part-time secretary. We have also purchased a computer which will greatly enhance all areas of our promotional work, such as preparation of our Yearbook, addresses of our ministers, church clerks, etc.

Future plans call for a full-time General Secretary. This, of course, would allow more time for public relations within and without our denomination, as set forth in Article III, section 4 of the Constitution and Bylaws.

As you know, August is Convention Promotion Month; therefore, we are asking that each of our churches receive a special offering for our promotional work on Sunday, August 11, 1991. Your support in this manner will be greatly appreciated and will aid in the promotion of our ministries and programs.

Thank you for your prayers and support. We invite you and welcome you to visit our Headquarters.

Yours in Christian Service,

C. H. Overman, General Secretary

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### **CRAGMONT, O CRAGMONT**

Of all our ministries and programs, Cragmont perhaps holds a dearer spot in our hearts than any other. This goes for the hundreds and hundreds of our youth who have attended over the years, the women of our church, the ministers, and also those who have served Cragmont in one way or another over the years. When I think of the spiritual impact Cragmont has played in our denomination, I know only eternity will reveal its achievements. It just seems that God placed His divine seal upon it way back when the property was purchased and dedicated. How thankful we are for those men and women of vision who sensed the need for a place of spiritual retreat! There's just no place like Cragmont.

My association with Cragmont began before I ever attended, for I remember how support for it was sought at my home church (Union Grove, Wayne County, NC) by the Rev. James A. Evans and others who had been instrumental in founding Cragmont. My first involvement in Cragmont itself was in 1950 when I attended a camp, along with several other ministerial students, including my friend and fellow minister, Brother J. B. Narron. I fell in love with Cragmont during those few days in June of 1950.

During the summer of 1951, I was involved in the entire summer at Cragmont as the driver of the Cragmont bus and also as an instructor under the sponsorship of the State Sunday School Convention. When I was approached about that summer's involvement with Cragmont by Brother James A. Evans, I was told that I would be meeting Free Will Baptists that would remember those days down through the years. Brother Evans was right, for occasionally even now I meet someone who remembers the ride that summer on the Cragmont bus and other events about their week at Crag-

mont. Also, to be involved with Cragmont during that summer, I was taken away from the summer's farm work. My daddy, however, gave me up for that summer. God gave him the understanding and kindness to believe in my calling (and he always has).

As the saying goes, "those were the days." The best I can recall, I drove the bus for at least six weeks that summer. Remember, that was before the days of interstate highways. Back then you had to ride through every town from New Bern to Black Mountain, which sometimes took close to twelve hours to make the trip. The toughest two weeks were the last two. Back then the Ladies Auxiliary group stayed from one Monday to the next. So I finished their week on Monday, and then took another group up on Tuesday of the same week, which was the Spiritual Life Conference under Brother Fountain Taylor. When the bus arrived late on Tuesday afternoon, I was very, very tired. I didn't want to see the Cragmont bus ever again. Since the Assembly was crowded, I went down to Black Mountain, got a room in the Black Mountain Motel, and slept from 8 p.m. until 8 a.m. The return home on Friday was the last Cragmont bus venture. But what an adventure it was. It was indeed a wonderful opportunity and the memories of it remain with me.

### **THE MINISTER'S CONFERENCE**

To attend and to be a part of the Annual Cragmont Minister's Conference is a highlight of each year. My first minister's conference was when I was driving the Cragmont bus. Most of those attending (June 4-8, 1951) rode the bus. The Rev. R. N. Hinnant was president of the Association, and the Rev. M. L. Johnson was in charge of the bus route. When we made the stop in Smithfield that

Monday morning, it was reported that Brother Evans would be meeting the bus in Smithfield, that he would be a little late, and that he would be coming in the "back way." I must have been a pretty good driver back then, because the ministers trusted me to drive up that crooked and twisting route from Old Fort to Black Mountain.

This summer's Minister's Conference was well attended, with more than eighty registering. The president, Brother Ray Wells, could not attend due to his son having surgery. Vice President Len Renfrow presided. The theme was "Commitment to the Lord," focusing on the theme of our Convention. It was our privilege to hear messages from some of our leading ministers. These included the Revs. Walter Sutton, Robert May, Al Markuson, Bruce Barrow, Rudy Owens, Billy Hardee, and Bruce Dudley. Remarks from our ministers was that it was a good conference, with wonderful messages and fellowship.

I have not missed but a few of our Minister's Conferences at Cragmont. I hope I will always be able to attend. We have come a long way since the early years of Cragmont, but it will always be that special place where we can commune and fellowship with our Lord, and then return home refreshed in soul and body and serve Him more faithfully.

### **AUGUST: CONVENTION PROMOTIONAL MONTH**

The month of August is designated by our Convention as "Convention Promotion Month." By the time this issue of *Notes and Quotes* goes out, our pastors will have received a letter regarding support for our promotional work. When the information concerning this year's convention is mailed to the church clerks, they will be informed also about continual support. Specifically, each church is

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being requested to receive a special offering on the second Sunday in August for the support of this work.

As previously announced in *Notes and Quotes*, we now have a part-time secretary working with us here at the Headquarters, Mrs. Michelle Fordham. Her hours are from 12:30 until 4:30 p.m. each day, Monday—Friday. Also we now have a computer in operation, which will enable us to do our work more proficiently.

Pastor and churches, we want to thank you for your response to our Convention's promotional work. To give us that extra boost we need for greater service, please receive that special offering on August 11.

#### THANK YOU



The Rev. Bobby Carden, pastor of White Oak Church, Bladenboro, NC, had a heart attack this spring and underwent triple by-pass surgery. He is recuperating and has resumed his pastoral responsibilities. Mr. Carden wishes to express his gratitude to all those who remembered him during his sickness. He is especially appreciative of the many prayers lifted on his behalf.

The Rev. Wade T. Jernigan, one of Mr. Carden's special friends, wrote the following poem. Mr. Carden offers it for your reading enjoyment.

#### MY LITTLE BUDDY

My dear friend Bobby is a preaching man,  
In fact about the preachingest in all the land.  
When he gets started he's like a horse on the track,  
You wonder if in energy "does he ever have lack?"

As he goes about the job, it's huff and puff;  
But one would have to say he's made of the right stuff.  
Some months of late he has had to slow down,  
You can tell that he has by his big frown.

Soon he'll be back with Bible in hand,  
Taking God's news throughout the land.  
Bold as a lion with a paw full of grit,  
Chasing the Devil, giving him a fit.

With Peggy by his side he'll wind up again,  
Shouting out the victory as souls he wins.  
Standing four square on the grand old Book,  
Inviting the world to take a closer look.

His voice will rise and fall like the tide,  
As out on the gospel road he will ride.  
Slowing only to study, pray and read,  
Thinking momentarily of his own personal need.

Giving himself to the congregation,  
Ever yearning to preach to the whole creation.  
But now for a spell he will rest and revive,  
Thanking his dear Lord that he's still alive.

While he is waiting, thinking some of fishing,  
Going to the Black River he'll be wishing.  
And all of this surely the Lord will grant,  
Putting way off the time when Bobby will plant.

Wade T. Jernigan  
June 10, 1991

#### MRS. ATLAS WEBB

by Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Owens

Mrs. Effie Webb died March 5, 1991, at the age of 98. She was born and lived all her life in Wilson County. She is the widow of the late Atlas Webb and is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Daisy Webb Owens, of the home; 8 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren. Mrs. Webb had a son, Atlas Velvin Webb; and a daughter Ethel Webb, who are deceased.

Miss Effie, as she was called by friends, was a charter member of Owens Chapel Church, which was organized in 1919. She was an active and faithful member of her church. When her health prevented her from regular attendance, she continued to support the church and was also a strong supporter of the programs within the Free Will Baptist denomination.

Funeral services were conducted at Owens Chapel Church by Wayne Hargrove, who was assisted by O. B. Jones. She was laid to rest in the Maplewood Cemetery, Wilson, NC.

The Lord supported and blessed Miss Effie with a long and useful life. She was the personification of the southern "country" woman, symbolizing love of family, the land and God. Miss Effie touched us all with her loving, warm and caring attitude. She will truly be missed by family and friends but we can say with full assurance that she now rests with God and someday we will see her again.

So close your eyes and sleep secure  
because He that keeps you never sleeps.

Mark your calendar now:  
**1991 State Convention**  
**September 10-12**



Compiled by Gary Burbage

## CORRECTION

In last month's JOTS AND TITTLES we reported that "the North Carolina General Assembly recently passed legislation that would allow a referendum on a state lottery." It should have been stated that the "North Carolina State Senate had passed legislation"; however, at this printing, the North Carolina House may have passed its own legislation on the lottery allowing the referendum to head to the people. Regardless of the bill's current status, a lottery in North Carolina is a very real concern that politically active conservative Christians should respond to.

## GRAYING HEADS IN THE PEWS

Protestant churches across the USA are experiencing a mid-life crisis. More than 25% of the country's population will be 50 years old or older by the year 2000. In contrast, most Protestant churches find that over 40% of their congregation are over 50, according to the Princeton Religion Research Center.

Do these statistics change the mission of the church? Bernard Nash, president of the Episcopal Society for Ministry on Aging (ESMA), encourages churches to consider the following:

- help with retirement planning
- involvement with local community programs (i.e. "meals-on-wheels)
- tape ministry for the homebound
- large-print hymnals
- young members "adopt" older members

*American Demographics*, June 1991

## TO TELL THE TRUTH

A new book entitled *The Day America Told the Truth* reports that 90% of Americans "truly believe in God." However, under strict confidentiality, 91% of the 5,000 people polled in the book continued by admitting that they lie regularly to their friends and

spouses. Sixteen percent said they would kill their spouse for a sufficient amount of money. In addition, 7% said they would murder a stranger if the price was right.

*National Review*, May 27, 1991

## CHRISTIANS KILLED FOR THEIR FAITH

Every day, more Christians are being imprisoned, tortured, maimed, and even killed for their faith than ever before in history, according to Christian Solidarity International (CSI).

Islamic oppression is the leading cause of aggression towards Christians who live in Nigeria, Sudan, Turkey, Malaysia, Egypt, Libya, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Iran, and elsewhere. Some of the urgent and distressing facts concerning this "holy war" being waged against the Church in Europe and throughout the world include:

—Islamic extremists advocate the murder of Christians and Jews. For example, the policy statement of the World Assembly of Muslim Youth says, "A Christian should be asked to repent. If he does not, he must be killed."

—The *Koran*, Islam's holy book, gives the following advice to Muslims confronting Christians: "Strike off their heads, maim them in every limb . . . It will not be you who slays them, but Allah." CSI asks that all Christians pray for these oppressed and persecuted Christians.

*Christian Solidarity International Newsletter*, May 1991

## BURGER KING ATTACKED

Burger King is refusing to run ads requested by the Alliance Against Defamation (a militant homosexual group) which would support homosexual values.

The group is upset with the fact that Burger King ran newspaper ads supporting traditional family values when Christian leaders for Responsible Television cancelled their boycott of the company. The homosexual group wants Burger King to run ads that would pro-

mote "Americans in all diversity."

*Advertising Age*

## GOSPEL VIDEOS COMING THIS FALL

Look out, MTV, here comes ZTV, a wholesome format for music videos. Unlike MTV, which advocates violence and sex, ZTV will be promoting the gospel, according to ZTV president David McQuade.

The network will be launched this fall and will be available 24 hours a day. The diversity of the music will range from Christian rap to rock. All artists appearing on ZTV must have a respected commitment to Jesus Christ.

ZTV will be offered free of charge through local cable operators. The cable companies will choose whether to air ZTV or not. "We'll be encouraging Christians to call their local operators. As cable operators hear from their communities, they'll be predisposed to turn it on. We as Christians need to be kind—but very insistent on this positive alternative for our kids," says McQuade.

*Charisma*, 1991

## BOOK CALLS APOSTLE PAUL "GAY"

A new book recently published claims the Apostle Paul was an unmarried man plagued by being a secret homosexual. The book's author, Bishop John Shelby Spong, heads the Newark, NJ, diocese of the Episcopal Church.

Spong explains that the "war" Paul often referred to is a classic description of that found in repressed gay males. The name of the book is *Rescuing the Bible from Fundamentalism*. Ultra-liberal Bishop Spong hopes that through his writings, homosexuals will be "more comfortable in the Episcopal Church"; he hopes to "attract people who left."





## TO BE LIKE HIM

Just before Jesus began His ministry, He went down to the Jordan River where he asked John the Baptist to baptize Him. John did not feel worthy to baptize Jesus. He said to Jesus, "I need to be baptized by you. Yet you come to be baptized by me."

Jesus answered John by telling him that if people who believe in Christ should be baptized, then He wanted to be baptized also. He wanted to set an example for everyone who believed in Him. John then baptized Jesus in the Jordan. When Jesus came up out of the water, the Spirit of God came down from Heaven in the form of a dove and perched upon Him. Then a voice from Heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Jesus pleased His Heavenly Father by His actions and set many examples for us to follow. Are you trying to please God by doing the things that the Bible teaches? Has anyone ever told you that you are just like your father or just like your mother? Wouldn't it be wonderful if all of us could be like our *Heavenly* Father? Let's follow Jesus' example by doing everything we can to please Him.

Each word in the following two verses is written backwards. Rewrite the verses by writing each word correctly on the lines below to learn something that God wants us to do.

TSURT NI EHT DROL HTIW LLA ENIHT TRAEH: DNA NAEL TON OTNU ENIHT NWO  
GNIDNATSREDNU. NI LLA YHT SYAW EGDELWONKCA MIH, DNA EH LLAHS TCERID  
YHT SHTAP (Proverbs 3:5-6).

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## GOD'S LENT CHILD

*"I'll lend you for a little while  
A child of mine," God said,  
"For you to love the while he lives,  
And mourn for when he's dead.*

*"It may be six or seven years  
Or forty-two or three;  
But will you, till I call him back  
Take care of him for me?"*

*"He'll bring his charms to gladden you  
And, should his stay be brief,  
You'll have his lovely memories  
As a solace for your grief.*

*"I cannot promise he will stay  
Since all from earth return;  
But there are lessons taught below  
I want this child to learn.*

*"I've looked the whole world over  
In my search for teachers true;  
And from the things that crowd life's lane  
I have chosen you.*

*"Now will you give him all your love?  
Nor think the labor vain?  
Nor hate me when I come to take  
This lent child back again?"*

*I fancied that I heard them say,  
"Dear Lord, Thy will be done,  
For all the joys thy child will bring  
The risk of grief we'll run.*

*"We will shelter him with tenderness;  
We'll love him while we may.  
And for the happiness we've known  
Forever grateful stay.*

*"But should Thy angels call for him  
Much sooner than we've planned,  
We'll brave the bitter grief that comes  
And try to understand."*

—Author Unknown

Brandon Guinn was only eight years old when God called him home. His parents were celebrating their sixteenth wedding anniversary that day and the whole family—Charles, Teresa, and Brandon—were on their way to Greenville to enjoy dinner when tragedy struck. The truck in which they were riding was hit by a motorist who ran a stop sign.

At the time of this writing, both Charles and Teresa have been released from the hospital and are recovering at home. Charles, an employee of the Town of Ayden, will be out of work for many months because of the leg and back injuries he sustained in the crash. Teresa, an employee of the Free Will Baptist Press, will be out of work for some time, also. Her right arm was badly injured and is still in its early stages of healing. Most of her other injuries are nearly completely healed.

Young Brandon did not survive the June 25th accident. His funeral was conducted on Sunday, June 30, without either of his parents being able to attend.

As you pray, the staff and management of the Free Will Baptist Press request that you remember Charles and Teresa as they continue their physical recoveries and face their grief. Even in a time like this, we know and feel God's presence. We understand it was nothing but a miracle that both Charles and Teresa survived. We are also able to thank God for sharing Brandon with us, for lending him, if only for a short time.



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## YOUTH TO MEET

The Eastern District Youth Convention will be held on Saturday, September 14, at Sandy Plain Church. The Convention will begin at 10 a.m. Refreshments will be served before the meeting.

All Eastern District Youth and their sponsors are encouraged to attend. come early for a time of fellowship.

## ORDAINING COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED

The Ordaining Council of the Central Conference will have its regular quarterly meeting on Monday, September 16, at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Free Will Baptist Headquarters in Ayden. Contact the Rev. J. B. Narron, chairman, or Dr. Michael Pelt if you desire to meet with the Council at that time.

## HOMEcoming PLANNED

The Rev. Robert F. Pittman III, of Virginia Beach, Virginia, will be the guest preacher at the annual Homecoming service at Ayden Church on Sunday, September 22, at 11 a.m. Mr. Pittman is the grandson of the late Rev. Robert F. Pittman, who pastored Ayden Church for a total of eighteen years (1913, 1918-26, 1931-July 1938) and was very active in denominational activities.

Former pastors and members are invited to worship and fellowship with the congregation on the 22nd.

## WESTERN UNION MEETS WITH BLACK JACK GROVE CHURCH

The First Union of the Western Conference will meet with Black Jack Grove Church, near Goldsboro, on Saturday, September 28, at 9:30 a.m.

The Rev. Harold Swinson will be preaching, with the Rev. Robert Langley, as his alternate. The Rev. James Joyner, clerk, encourages all member churches to attend, with full delegation and regular fee.

## UNION TO MEET

The Cape Fear Union will convene with Saint Paul Church, Route 2, Newton Grove, NC, Sampson County, September 28, 1991. The scheduled program is as follows:

- 10:00—Hymn, Congregation
  - Devotions, the Rev. Charles Petit
  - Welcome, Host Church
  - Response, Saint Mary's Grove
- 10:20—Enrollment of Officers and Ministers
  - Reading of the Minutes of the Last Union
  - Appointment of Committees
  - Roll Call of Churches
  - Report of Denominational Enterprises
  - Miscellaneous Business
- 11:15—Hymn, Congregation
  - Offering and Offertory Prayer
  - Special Music, Host Church

—Message, the Rev. Leonard Woodall; Alternate: the Rev. James Corbett

- 12:00—Report of Treasurer
- Report of Committees
- Unfinished Business
- Benediction and Adjournment

## PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY

by Agnes Lamm

Sunday, June 23, 1991, was designated as "Pastor Appreciation Day" at Rock Springs Church, Bailey, NC. The day was set aside to honor our pastor and his wife, Terry and Sandy Ellis, for their loyalty and devotion to our church.

The day was a surprise to Mr. Terry. It began with the entering of Terry and Sandy's families and friends. Then our pastor was welcomed to the day. "This Is Your Life" was presented, which included his life history and pictures. A poem, "A True

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## PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY



The Rev. Joseph "Jody" C. Yates, pastor of Holly Springs Church, Newport, was honored with a "Pastor Appreciation Day" on June 23. Travis Davis, chairman of the Deacon Board, presented the pastor and his wife, Doris, with plaques. The couple received a standing ovation from the congregation.

Following the morning service, a covered-dish lunch was enjoyed in the fellowship hall. Special guests attending the event were the pastor's children and their families, and "Aunt Julie," the pastor's aunt.



Gentleman," was read. The deacons of the church presented a plaque to Terry and Sandy. Following this, The Damascus Way Singers, from Clayton, NC, with whom Terry and Sandy had sung in the past, sang some songs, which included a song which Terry helped write. After the service, lunch was served in the Fellowship Building.

Our pastor and his wife have helped our church in lots of ways and have meant a lot to the members. We thank God for them.

### SPECIAL RECOGNITION



The Mother's Day and Father's Day services at Folkstone Church were special. On Mother's Day, the oldest and youngest mother were recognized; on Father's Day, special tribute was given to the oldest and youngest father. The Rev. Ronnie Parker, pastor, led these services.

Pictured above are those recognized: (top) Mrs. Monnie King and Crystal Williams; (bottom) Jerry Sanders and Wyatt King.

### MEETING SCHEDULED

The Albemarle Union will meet with Hickory Chapel Church, Ahoskie, on Saturday, September 28. The scheduled program follows:

- 10:00—Devotions, the Rev. James Owens
- 10:10—Welcome, the Rev. Robert May
- Response, the Rev. W. S. Burns
- 10:15—The Moderator's Address, the Rev. Charlie Overton

- 10:20—Roll Call of Ministers
- Recognition of Visiting Ministers
- Roll Call of Churches
- 10:30—Offering for Denominational Ministries
- Announcements
- Prayer Time
- Two Testimonies
- 10:40—Report of Children's Home, via Literature
- Report of Mount Olive College, via Literature
- Report of Free Will Baptist Press, via Literature
- Report of Missions: Home and Foreign, via Literature
- Report of Cragmont, via Literature
- Report of Retirement Homes, via Literature
- 10:50—Report of Treasurer
- Old or New Business
- Announcements of Next Union
- 11:00—Minutes Read and Approved
- 11:10—Hymn
- 11:20—Special Music, Host Church
- 11:25—Message, the Rev. Robert May
- Benediction
- Adjournment and Lunch

### BOARD OF ORDINATION TO MEET

The Western Conference Board of Ordination will meet on Wednesday, September 11, at 11:30 a.m., during the Annual Session of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. Those having business with the Board prior to the meeting of the Western Conference are encouraged to meet with them at this time.

The next meeting of the Board has been scheduled for November 18 at First Church, Micro. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m.

### SPECIAL SERVICES PLANNED

The members of Little Rock Church, Lucama, will celebrate the church's 120th Homecoming on Sunday, September 15. All

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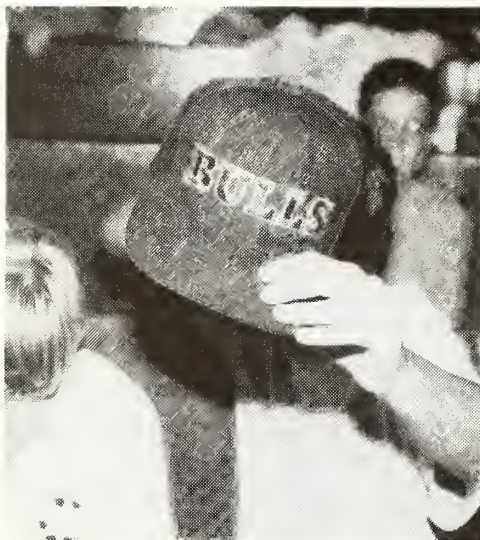




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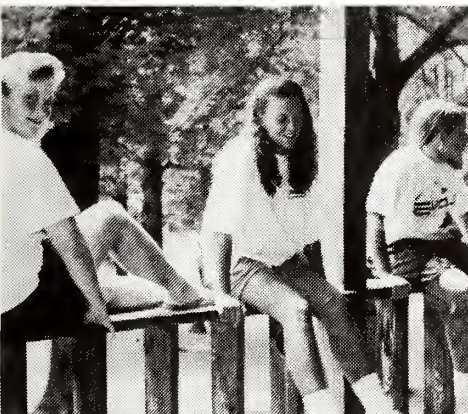
## SCENES FROM CAMP



Pictured here are scenes from Christian Cadet Conference and Youth Frontier Conference (YFA). Christian Cadet Conference is sponsored by the Free Will Baptist League Convention and co-directed by the Revs. Gary Bailey and Ronnie Hobgood. Youth Frontier (YFA) is one of two weeks sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary Convention. The Woman's Auxiliary also sponsors Youth Frontier (AFC). YFA Week, as it is known by the Cragmont staff, is co-directed by the Rev. Scott Sowers and Janie Sowers. Both weeks held to the traditional schedule of classes in the morning, followed by recreation in the afternoon. Evenings were spent in vespers and fun time. Trips off campus were planned to Ghost Town by Christian Cadet and Gatlinburg by YFA. Christian Cadet was attended by 185 young people and counselors, campers ranging in age from 9-18 years old. YFA week, which is limited to and designed especially for teenagers, was attended by 71 youth. These were good weeks that were well planned by the directors. Remember the directors and counselors volunteer their time and energy for these weeks. Please understand, too, that this is not a vacation. It can be hard work, but very rewarding.







### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

October 14-17	Fall Limited Edition
October 18-20	Cragmont Club I
October 25-27	Cragmont Club II
November 29-December 1	Cornerstone
December 6-8	Christmas Limited Edition
December 29-January 1	Snow Hound Winter Retreat

### OPEN RETREAT DATES

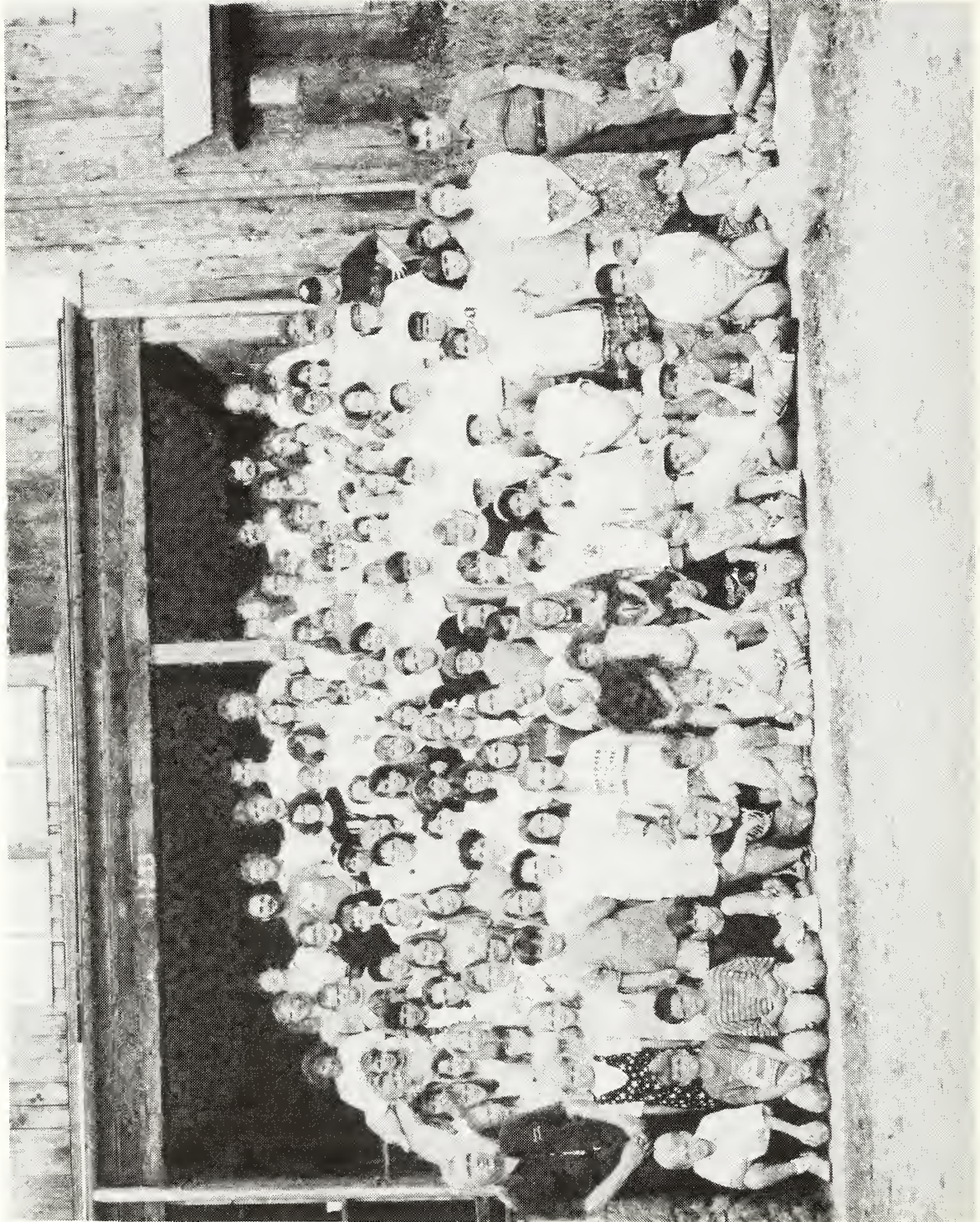
Below are dates that either have not been booked by churches or have been canceled and are *now* available. If you have an interest in any of these dates for your church or group, please contact:

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### DATES FOR 1992

January 3-5  
January 10-12  
January 31-February 2  
February 7-9  
February 14-16  
February 21-23  
February 28-March 1  
March 6-8  
March 14-15  
March 20-22  
March 27-29  
April 3-5  
April 10-12  
April 17-19, Easter  
May 8-10, Mother's Day  
May 22-24





Truly the angels are rejoicing! During AFC Conference, held at Cragmont Assembly during the week of July 8-13, 21 young people accepted Christ as Saviour. The theme, "Faith's Foundations," taught the children about the basics of living for Christ. First is salvation, followed by baptism and church membership, and then service for Christ which leads us Home. We praise the Lord also for the 21 counselors/helpers who gave of their time and energy for the cause of Christ through the AFC Conference.

YOUTH FRONTIER (AFC)  
July 8-13





In order, to make this year's annual payment on December 31, 1991, we need your help now. The amount needed is \$50,000. So far we have been able to save \$26,000 toward this payment.

In order for Cragmont to be debt-free in 1995, approximately \$400,000 needs to be raised. Cragmont is looking for 400 supporters who will pledge \$1,000 each for this goal. Will you help?

For more information, contact Cragmont by phoning (704) 669-7677.



## “FALL LIMITED EDITION”

We are once again offering our “Fall Limited Edition,” which includes three nights at Cragmont, two days traveling to and from Cragmont, and two days touring the mountains. This is offered by Cragmont for a package price of \$150 per person. This price includes travel cost, lodging, and four meals at Cragmont. This price **EXCLUDES** personal spending money and the cost of meals while away from Cragmont (unless otherwise designated).

Limited Edition begins Monday, **October 14, 1991**. Transportation to Cragmont is provided by motor coach, with stops in several eastern North Carolina towns.

Our proposed trips this year are based on suggestions from past participants. We are tentatively planning trips to Knoxville (with one meal being on a riverboat) on Tuesday and to Brevard on Wednesday. Our Limited Edition groups have enjoyed their meals at Pisgah View Ranch so much that we are planning to visit there again.

Limited Edition comes to an end Thursday, **October 17, 1991**. The buses will leave after breakfast to return to eastern North Carolina.

Because of limited space, reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. To be assured of a place, please return the completed reservation form, along with a \$50 non-refundable deposit. The balance of \$100 will be due by October 4, 1991.

Come join us for this special fall retreat. All arrangements are made by Cragmont, freeing you from the hassle of planning and driving.

Mail to: LIMITED EDITION, Cragmont Assembly, 1233 North Fork Road, Black Mountain, NC 28711.

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# **A SUMMER AT THE CHILDREN'S HOME: EDUCATIONAL AND ENJOYABLE**



by Richard Holmes

As the summer starts to come to a close for me and I plan for my final semester at Mount Olive College, I sit at my desk with feelings of happiness and also sadness. The feeling of happiness I am experiencing is because of the joy I have had working with the staff at the Children's Home.

It seems like yesterday that I started working with the maintenance department. I am glad for the opportunity to work with the two gentlemen who work in maintenance. They were very helpful and patient with someone who only knew how to mow grass and use a weed eater, and I did plenty of that!

Once school was out, I started a job that would prove to be interesting; I started working at the pool as the lifeguard. This gave me the chance to meet all the kids that would soon become very dear to me, these kids that just want to be loved. I tried to tell myself not to get attached to these kids; but that was something I just could not stop, as I would watch them having a good time and caring for each other as they do. Most of my happiness is from the memories of each of the children I have met and with whom I have worked.

These children I have met now have a place in my heart and they will never be forgotten.

When I think of some of these kids, I remember some of them sharing their dreams with me. These are the same children who have been through so much in their young lives and could have given up. Instead, they have chosen to dream big dreams and work to accomplish those dreams.

In talking to one young man one night I remember him saying, "I want to be a fighter pilot in the Air Force." The young man continued to tell me that he has already started collecting information on what he had to do to qualify. However, the young man said, "I may not be able to make it, but I am going to try." I then proceeded to tell him that all anyone could ask of him was that he just try his best. I told him of a book I was reading entitled *The Pursuit of Excellence*. In this book, Ted Engstrom tells the reader to "Choose a goal and work toward it." I told the young man that he already has a goal. Now he must work to accomplish that goal. I then gave him another quote from Engstrom's book, "People who truly excel in their endeavors are invariably the ones who early on determine clear-cut goals and habitually direct all their energies toward fulfilling them." I told him that he was already ahead of the game because he had set a goal. Now all he had to do was to work hard to make that goal become a reality. I would like to think that this young man will always remember to set his ambitions high and strive to reach them.

I think one of the best memories I have is of one young lady who once said, "There is no goal that I cannot reach as long as I set my goals high and strive to accomplish them." This young lady wants to go to college and study computers. She is a young lady "high" on life. These are just two of the young people at the Chil-

dren's Home who have dreams. Other dreams that I have heard include young people who want to be psychologists, veterinarians; and one young man wants to be the best that he can be in any sport that he plays.

While talking to these young people during my last two weeks, I have been told that I will be missed when I leave. Some of the children have told me that I have made them think that there is a positive side to every bad situation. One of the young people has also said that I have made him think more of staying physically fit. Children that remain positive, even though their lives may have had some hard times, are truly gifts from God.

However the children, as well as all of us, should remember what Paul said when he wrote to the Christians in Rome in Romans 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose." Paul's meaning of this verse is not that everything is going to be good but that God is able to turn it around for our long-range good. God is working in our lives to fulfill His purpose for those who trust Him and look for "security" in Heaven, not life. We should all look at Paul's writings because they offer us encouragement to go on with our lives when faced with obstacles.

While reading Robert Schuller's book, *You Can Become the Person You Want to Be*, I read of a woman who had just been diagnosed as having multiple sclerosis. When she came home, she found the Possibility Thinker's Creed in her mailbox. The creed reads as follows:

When faced with a mountain  
I will not quit.  
I will keep on striving  
until I  
climb over,  
find a pass through,  
tunnel underneath,  
or simply stay and



turn the mountain  
into a gold mine!  
With God's help.

Schuller has some good advice in this creed. When we are faced with bad times, we should remember that we have God's help. We all must look at the promise that was given to the Hebrew Christians in Hebrews 13:5, "I will never leave thee or forsake thee." Verse six goes on to tell us that "The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me." With a helper like God, why should we worry when things get rough? We should just remember that He is with us always.

Some of the children here do have a tendency to start feeling low or depressed. Some would even ask, "What is wrong with me?" I would always tell them that nothing is wrong with them because they were created by God. I found myself constantly referring to Ted Engstrom when he stated, "When it comes to people, God never has made junk. And besides that, as Ethel Waters used to say, 'He's never been guilty of sponsoring a flop.'" I would always tell them that God has a purpose for them. They just need to trust Him to guide them, and be patient because good things come to those who wait. I was once told that positive attitudes encourage positive attitudes in other people. One of my goals for the summer was to encourage these kids to be positive and to look at what they may have to offer to the world. I would like to think that I have accomplished one of my goals.

The sadness that I feel is because the summer is coming to an end and my job is coming to a conclusion. I will miss the staff that I have worked with this summer, a staff that has been helpful and willing to answer any questions that I might have had. I will also miss the children that I have grown so attached to. However, when I look back on this summer,

I will first thank the good Lord for allowing me the opportunity to serve in this ministry. I will also be grateful that I have had the opportunity to apply a little of the knowledge I have learned as a psychology and religion major at Mount Olive College. My summer at the Free Will Baptist Children's Home will never be forgotten and neither will the people I have met and the lessons I have learned.

### BACKYARD PROBLEMS?



by Willem van der Plas

Many Christians in Europe and in America, the Western hemisphere, speak about "backyard problems." Have you heard it also? What are they trying to explain? That there are a lot of unbelievers in the direct church environment? That the needs in the Western world are as urgent as in the rest of the world? If you were God, how would you evaluate these remarks? True or false? It would be interesting to put this question to the Free Will Baptists in America, Mexico, the Philippines and in India and to see how every one would answer it.

On the other side, do I believe that our homes, churches and yards are filled up with the results of the TV ads? This may be our real yard problem.

How can we make it true that our needs are similar to the needs

in Iraq, Bangladesh, China, India, Ethiopia and the Sahel countries? It is expected that 20 million people will die this year in Africa by starvation. The U.N. does not see how to prevent such a misery. If we really believe that our own troubles are similar to the world problems, then we are caught in the tentacles of Satan's deceiving lies. Then, we do not understand the messages of the Old Testament and the New Testament.

The Lord has equipped the Western world to do great things. He equipped the believers with the Spirit and with truth, with plenteous materials, with blessings to reach out into the world. The Lord thinks and works in large scale operations. New world order is not depending on politicians, but on the Lord himself.

When in the Netherlands, some people tried to argue with me about these things and I challenged them to be honest to God and to say: "Lord, because of you we are not ready yet to reach out into the world as you told us to do, because we lack the equipment and we are not well prepared to obey you. Lord, we need to settle ourselves and to establish our own churches before we are able to reach out into your world." They became really angry at me and called it blasphemy.

Lydia and I are happy to be Free Will Baptists. Though we form a small denomination, the Lord entrusted the whole world into our responsibility. He made the whole world the backyard of our churches. Gideon went out with a few men and he received victory from the Lord over the Midianites. So we, too, can gain victory from our Lord with so few people.

All believers are equipped with the Holy Spirit to minister in the direct church environment. Others are able to move out into the world to be missionaries to those peoples who have not yet

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been in contact with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ has blessed us with a backyard to keep our faith in Him alive and to keep our church moving through all the parts of the world, God's world.

### **LEADERSHIP TRAINING AND EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE**

by the Rev. Pio dela Rosa

On May 4-10, 1991, two social achievements took place in the northern part of Palawan. The first was a leadership training session at Calawag, Tayta, Palawan. The second event was an evangelism crusade.

The training started on May 5, at 2 o'clock, with the support of the three church participants. The objective of the training seminar was to equip all our young people and adults in church ministry. This training program of our laymen in the church is the only way that we can hit our goal 2-2-2 for the year two thousand.

In Calawag, the water supply was affected by the long dry season. Their open well was almost empty; the water was almost muddy. Some of our par-

ticipants went back before their graduation. But because of our daily morning prayer, our hardship became our joy; twelve of them received their certificate of completion.

On the same date, another evangelism team went to Icadambanua Island for the evangelistic crusade. Three speakers took part: Pastor Arman Manzano, Pastor Gedion Magarce, and Elmer Garcellano, pastor of evangelism.

Icadambanua Island is an anchor island of fishermen. The island is separated from the mainland. The total population is almost seven thousand inhabitants. There are 14 sitio and three different churches, Catholic, Pentecostal, and the Free Will Baptist Church.

We had a good result in our crusade. Two hundred fifty people accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour.

The place was similar to Calawag; their water was taken in the main island. Many are indigent there. We hope our church can help them some day. Please pray for them.

### **OUR MISSION OF EVANGELISM**

by Dr. E. M. Lall

I thank and praise our Lord Jesus Christ for His loving grace, guidance and countless blessings during the year, especially during the past 17 years of my services to the church in India. The church in these years has grown vastly in this northern part of India and is marching ahead in winning the lost souls. Our Board of Foreign Missions is undoubtedly to be credited in this hazardous task, for without their help, guidance and sharing, we would not be successful.

I had the privilege of addressing an inter-denominational convention in the early part of June, when leaders of other churches, through their deliverances, proclaimed that the Great Commission was arbitrarily imposed on the church 2000 years ago. When I heard them, I concluded that they were not fully familiar with the subject. I, therefore, had to make it clear that missions is not something that was arbitrarily imposed on the church 2000 years ago by the risen Lord, but it is the summation and the outflow of God's character from the beginning. The Great Commission has only sharply focused on this onerous responsibility that belongs to all Christians, that is, the church.

It was God's command to Adam and Eve that they should multiply and replenish the earth. When they failed, God called upon Noah. The same concern was expressed to Abraham. God's heart reflects throughout the Old Testament right into the New Testament. It is God's plan, based on the whole volume of the Bible, right from Genesis to Revelation, and the purpose of creating a body called a church, chiefly to multiply and replenish the earth. Certainly evangelism is the heartbeat of God. It is in response to this commission that we as a church feel compelled to proclaim the good





news to all people and to serve them for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the wake of hitherto communalism, casteism and fundamentalism, our ministers and deacons set out to tell the good story of salvation to the people in various towns and villages in the month of June. Though we were discouraged by other churches, as the time was bad, being in the midst of general elections wherein anything could be expected. However, our people kept their spirits up and remained totally involved in the task of evangelism the whole month. It was terribly hot in June, so hot that the temperature remained static between 40 to 47 degrees centigrade. Our preaching mission was well received by the people this year because of the exploitation of the weaker sections of society, continued poverty, oppression and uncertainty. These conditions were responsible for bringing dismay and disappointment to the common man, who needed words of consolation for the present time and for the time to come.

In fact, the month of June is the time picked by us for sowing seeds; then we continue to reap the harvest the whole year! Our ministers, deacons and laymen, numbering 62, visiting 346 villages and towns in this northern part of the country, covering a distance 329 miles in radius. They handed out 215 Bibles, 700 New Testaments, and 4,000 Gospels, besides 80 kilograms of other Christian literature and brochures. Though we were often checked by the campaigners of the election, there was no incident confronted by any of us between June 3-29, our target period.

Our ministers and deacons will continue the follow-up work and will prepare those whose hearts are challenged.

We need your fervent prayers for our success, as there is a great work ahead of us.

September 1991



### **BUILDING OF FREE WILL BAPTIST JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL ASAFPUR DEDICATED**

by Dr. E. M. Lall

We had the privilege of visiting two circuits of our church on April 4, 1991, dedicating a church building at Khaunsara and the building of the Free Will Baptist Junior High School, Asafpur, both located in the District of Budaun, which is a very big jurisdiction in our state. Our Director-Treasurer, the Rev. Harold Jones, had provided funds for the school building. (Funds for the building were provided by the Mt. Tabor Ginnie May Auxiliary.)

The enrollment in the Asafpur School is more than 200. And the need for raising this school as a Junior High School, leading from I to VIII standard, was being felt for the last three years. The Lord has now fulfilled this need.

We already had one big room and one thatched room, when we were running an elementary school. We made another two thatched rooms when the enrollment grew. Now, we have two more big rooms wherein the Junior High School section is taught. We have built stairs, so that we can build another two rooms on the roof thereof. We also built two toilets, one for the boys and the other for the girls.

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This is a growing school and it seems that in the near future it will be the first high school. Our school supervisors, teachers and the circuit pastor in charge, the Rev. Isa Charan, take great pains for the success of this school institution.

Our people in Bareilly were so excited that they hired a bus from Bareilly to go to both these places. They made a grand arrangement for preaching and dedication of the buildings. There were about

400 pupils and villagers present at the occasion. "What the Lord Jesus Christ Has Done for the Mankind and We Follow the Same" was preached by Dr. Lall. The choir of Bareilly Church sang two songs, which were real inspiring. The village people gave us the lunch.

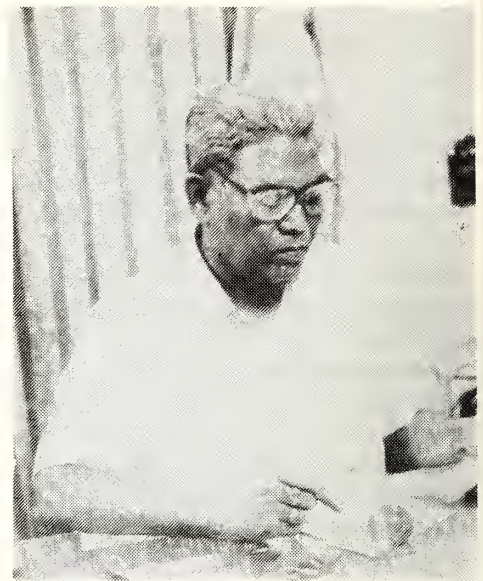
The same day, the son of the Rev. Isa Charan, circuit in charge, Asafpur, was dedicated. He now has two sons and two daughters, all dedicated and baptized as Free Will Baptists.

**EMANUEL EL SALVADOR**  
**Pastor, Juan Mantoya**



The work of missions in Mexico continues to grow every day. The Lord is truly shouldering the work of evangelism that is going on in each one of the churches. But to gain all this and to keep it, there are many obstacles to overcome. But praise be the Lord, all of these obstacles are being set aside. We know this is true because of the souls that come to the foot of the Cross of Jesus and become members of His church and are very active in His work. They are filled with Christ and disposed to giving testimony to what God has done in their lives.

Six brethren are placed under the waters of baptism, giving testimony in this way publicly that Christ is their Saviour. They are the first fruits of the year, but the church and pastors are praying that when this year is over, many others will come to the glory of our God.



I am thankful to God for the privilege I had in the past months. I was able to get prepared in Hindi a booklet called *The Preacher's Guide*. It is a study of the books of the New Testament in a very simple and easy manner, especially meant for our rural churches. I am indebted to the Rev. B. R. K. Lal, a professor of theology in the North India Theological College, who gave time to make it more meaningful. The booklet is now ready for printing and publication. We are trying to raise the funds, \$600, for this project locally.



Our church in India believes very much in the evangelization of the world, even though our sources and resources are limited. Yet, when there is a will, there is a way! We have found a man who will be leaving for the country of Nepal and will start our church work ten miles ahead of Dhangarhi, a prosperous town in Nepal. The church in India will support this work. A team of our church visited this place in Nepal early in July to examine some of the basic involvements. Kindly remember this mission of Christ in Nepal, which was closed to the gospel until recently.

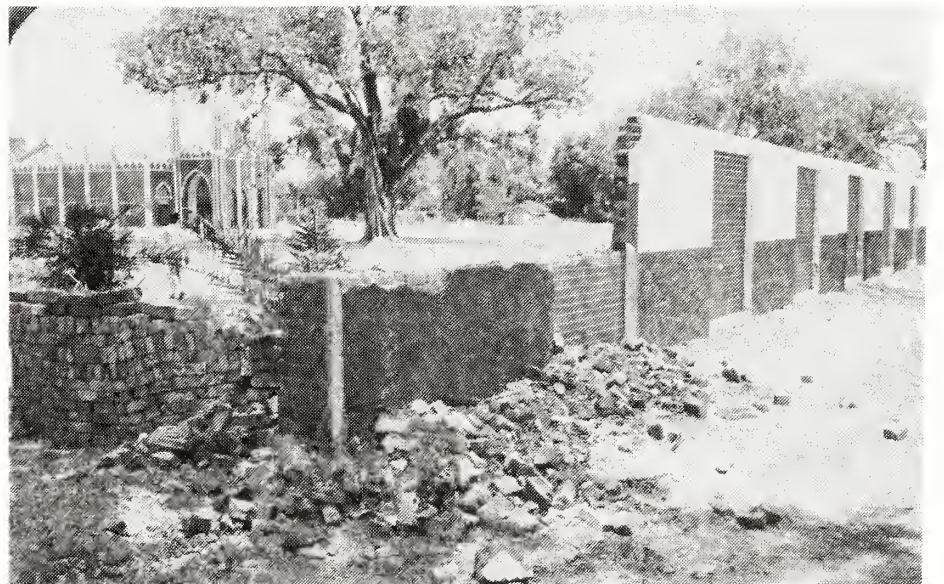
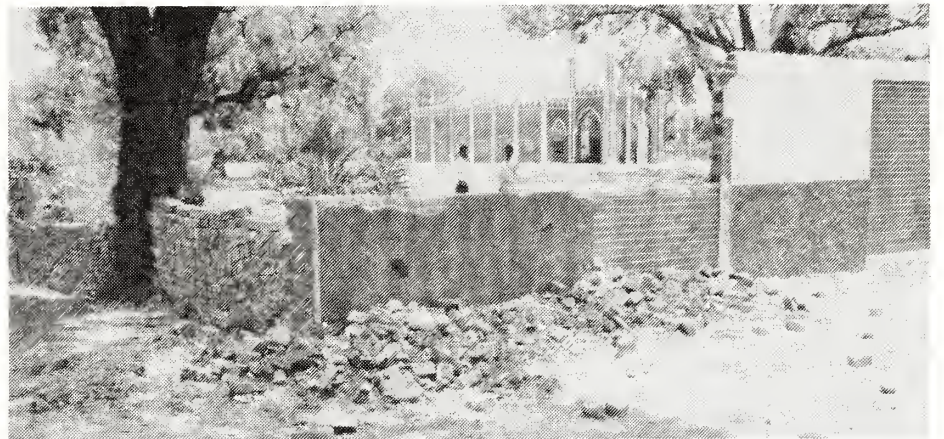
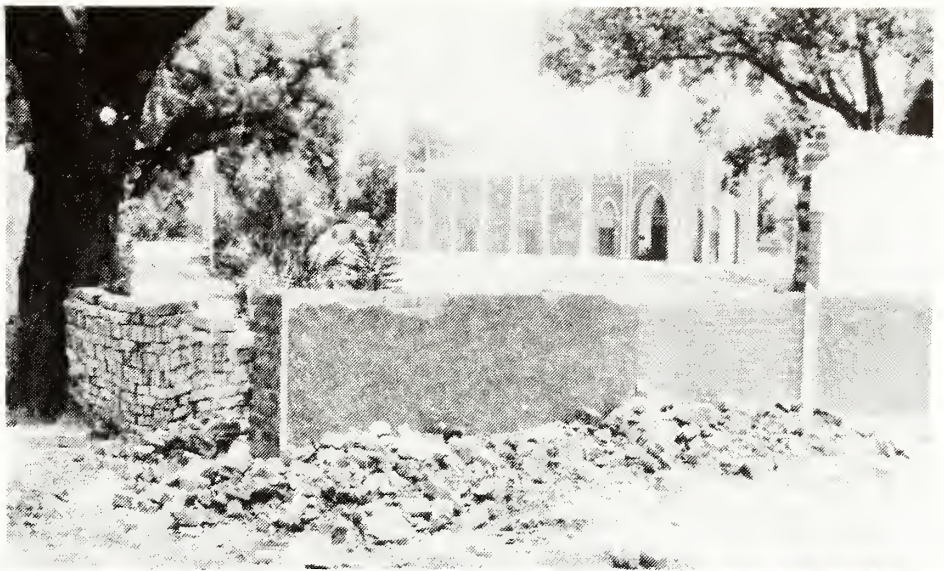




This girl from the team of Operation Mobilization came to give her testimony of how she found the Lord. It was a thrilling story which strengthened the faith of new converts of our church. She has a miraculous conversion which some of our people have experienced too.



There are some trees coming in the way of the boundary wall being constructed which have to be cut down, after obtaining permission from the Cantonment Board. In this process, we have been asked to plant forty trees. After inspection of the same, permission would be given to us. We planted these trees just after church service on June 9. We might start cultivating in the land around the church, if it rains all right. It needs an electric tube well. We have plenty of building materials, such as three ladders, big bamboos, masonry equipment and things like this which will be in continuous use; and for that purpose, we are erecting a hut to store these things at a site where the watchman lives.



Since the construction of boundary walls of our Christ Church has started and as the front wall was raised after seeking permission from the Cantonment Board offices, the Army demolished it without any information to us, on the pretext that they apprehended fear of accident while they take a turn from that corner which is adjacent to the road. Our people felt that it was just "a bit" of reasoning and took it as an insult to the church. They made a police report, asking arrest of the officers responsible for this criminal act. The matter appeared in the press, but there was no response from the other side. Then our people launched a hunger strike at the office of the District Magistrate. I was in the field and had to rush back home. I met the officers of the district. In the meantime, the highest military officer called me and we amicably settled the matter. They will re-erect our wall (broken by them).



*You are invited . . .*

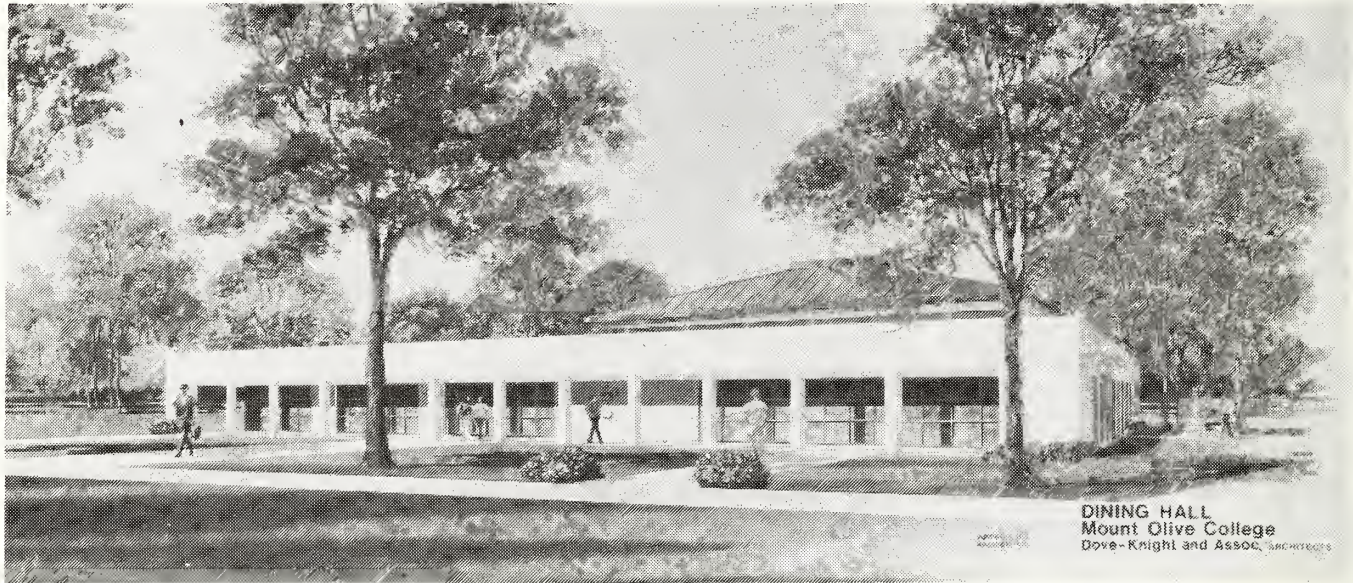
Groundbreaking for the new dining hall

Wednesday, September 11, 1991

1:00 p.m.

Mount Olive College main campus

Adjacent to College Hall parking lot



Mount Olive College is experiencing another milestone—the groundbreaking for a new dining hall. The estimated cost of the project is \$2 million, and completion of construction is targeted for fall of 1992. With a seating capacity of 600, Mount Olive College will be better able to serve its students, the church, and the community.

The date of the groundbreaking coincides with the annual meeting of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, when some 600 visitors will be on campus.

All friends of the College are invited to gather at the building site. The service will last approximately 20 minutes. Don't miss this historic event.

#### **MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE DINING HALL PROJECT UPDATE**

The projected cost of this project is \$2 million. Architectural plans for the 20,000 square foot building are complete, a groundbreaking service is scheduled for 1 p.m., September 11, and contracts can be awarded as soon as the budget is assured through gifts and pledges. The budget includes paving for the College Hall parking lot which will serve both buildings. As of mid-August, gifts and pledges have reached approximately \$1,200,000.



Free Will Baptist churches making gifts and pledges are included:

#### ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE

##### Church

Malachi's Chapel Church  
Trinity Church (Beaufort)

##### Pastor

Royce Reynolds  
N. D. Beaman

#### CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE

##### Church

Casey's Chapel Church  
Hopewell Church  
Lanwood Chapel Church  
Robert's Grove Church  
Lee's Chapel Church  
Saint Mary's Grove Church  
Saint Paul's Church  
Goldsboro, First Church

##### Pastor

Leonard Woodall Jr.  
Edmundo Gonzalez  
Kenneth Jackson  
  
Phillip Boykin  
Billy Nowell  
Edward Miles  
Norman Ard

#### CENTRAL CONFERENCE

##### Church

Bethany Church  
Daniels Chapel Church  
Elm Grove Auxiliary  
Celia Hart Garriss Woman's Auxiliary  
Harrell's Chapel Church  
Howell Swamp Church  
Greenville, First, Woman's Auxiliary  
Little Creek Church  
Piney Grove Church  
Reedy Branch Church  
Second Union SS Convention  
First Church, Williamston  
Winterville Church  
Hugo Church  
Hull Road Church

##### Pastor

David Parrish  
Earl Glenn  
  
Jeffrey Cockrell  
Ron Braxton  
  
Frank Flowers  
Mike Daniels  
Willis Wilson  
  
Tom Miller  
Leon Grubbs

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

##### Church

Beulaville Church  
Carteret County SS and Convention  
Davis Church  
Gethsemane Church  
Holly Springs Church (Newport)  
May's Chapel Church  
Northeast Church  
Smith's New Home Church  
Sound View Church  
First Church, Warsaw  
Westside Church  
White Oak Grove Church

##### Pastor

Chris Singleton  
  
Lonnie Mann  
J. C. Yates  
Dwayne Jones  
A. B. Bryan  
Walter Sutton  
Graham Lane  
Grady Davis  
Wayne King  
C. L. Patrick

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

##### Church

First Church, Durham  
Little Rock Church  
Marsh Swamp Church  
Marsh Swamp Layman's League  
Marsh Swamp Sunday School  
Micro Church  
Saint Mary's Church (Kenly)  
Spring Hill Church  
Stoney Creek Church

##### Pastor

Fred Johnson  
De Wayne Eakes  
Ray Wells  
  
Clyde Cox  
Ray Everton  
David Cauley  
Gary Bailey

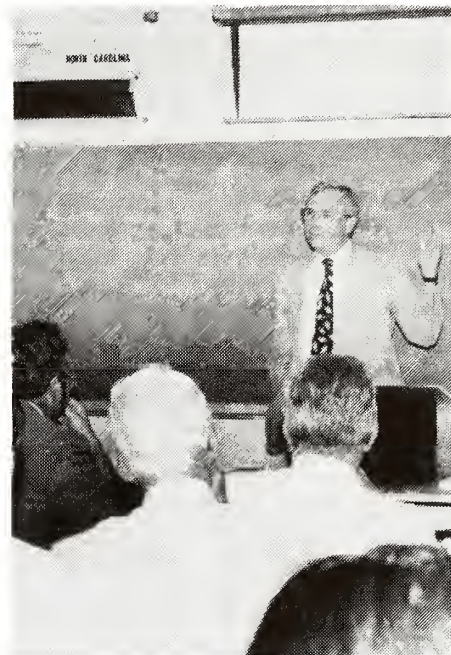
#### PIEDMONT CONFERENCE

Piedmont Conference

#### STATEWIDE BODIES

NCFWB Woman's Auxiliary Convention  
State Convention of NCFWB Youth Fellowship Auxiliary

#### 1991 MINISTERS' INSTITUTE



"Provocative, stimulating, inspirational—an outstanding program of speakers." These comments were heard following the 1991 Ministers' Institute at Mount Olive College. Fifty people, representing the Free Will Baptist, Methodist, Pentecostal FWB, Presbyterian, Lutheran, and Disciples of Christ denominations, attended the two-day conference.

"On the first day, our speakers emphasized pastoral care and the important role of ministers in understanding their people and responding to their real needs," said Dr. K. David Hines, director of Education for Christian Ministries. "And on Tuesday, Dr. Willimon used humor and a very human approach to interpret world-class scholarship and its application to hands-on ministry."

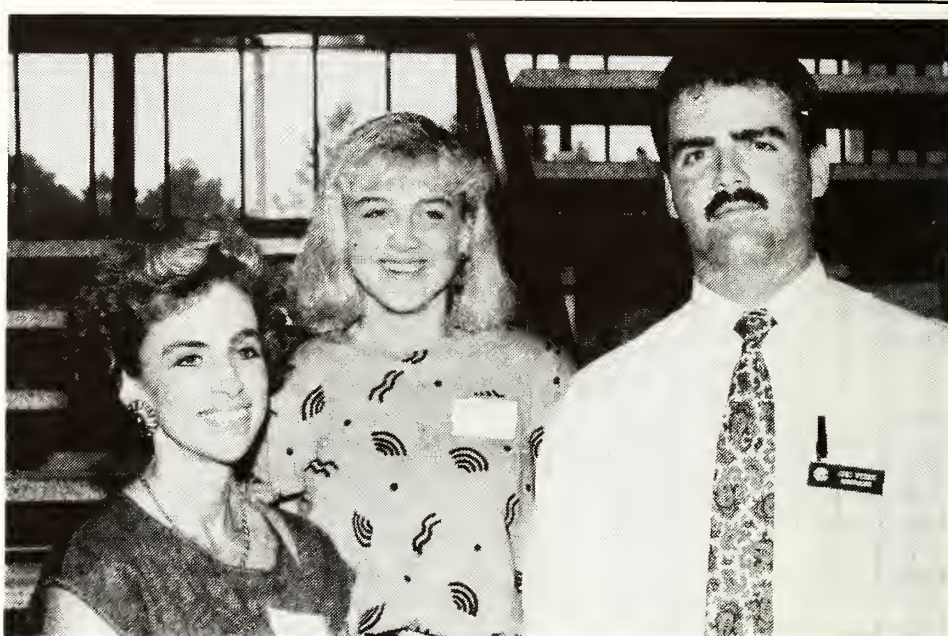
"We had an outstanding presentation on the use of the Bible and how it deals with real life, people, and issues," said Frank Harrison, MOC chaplain and Institute organizer. "This was one of the best programs we've had in the nearly 25 years Ministers' Institutes have been held on our College campus."

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Speakers included Dr. William H. Willimon, dean of the Chapel and professor of Christian Ministry at Duke University, Durham, keynote speaker, and the Rev. Craig Simmons of Wilson, the Rev. Bobby Taylor of Middlesex, the Rev. Preston Smith of Rocky Mount, Dr. De Wayne Eakes of Lucama, the Rev. Steven V. Sprinkle of Newton Grove, and Professor Anthony Hatcher of Mount Olive College.



**At Mount Olive College's Summer Orientation**—Robbie Cooke, center, is pictured with her mother, Gail Cooke, and Mount Olive College Admissions Counselor Eric Weeks during summer orientation for incoming freshmen. The Cookes are members of Daniels Chapel Church in Wilson County. Ms. Cooke is a graduate of Beddingfield High School. The women were among approximately 125 students and parents who toured the Mount Olive campus during the day-long event. The visitors received information about the academic program, student affairs, financial aid, residence life, career exploration, and participated in advising sessions. A program designed for parents was also held during the day (photo by Patti O'Donoghue).



Bridge Builders Appreciation Dinner  
Saturday, September 28, 1991  
6:30 p.m., College Hall  
Mount Olive College

**THE HONORABLE H. MARTIN LANCASTER, KEYNOTE SPEAKER**  
**Congressman, NC Third Congressional District**



Third District Congressman H. Martin Lancaster will be the keynote speaker at the 1991 Bridge Builders dinner. The event is planned to express appreciation to the 1990 Bridge Builders and to launch the 1991 dinners.

Lancaster, a Wayne County native, was elected to the 100th Congress and took the oath of office in January 1987. He has close association with Stoney Creek Church, where he grew up and where his mother, Eva P. Lancaster, holds membership.

**Bridge Builders – Working for the Advancement of Mount Olive College**

Bridge Builders, those who make an unrestricted gift of \$100 or more at their county gift support dinners, have made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of Mount Olive College. There are three Bridge Builders Clubs: College Club, \$100-499; President's Club, \$500-999; and Trustees' Club, \$1,000 or more. In 1990-91, there were 1,181 Bridge Builders.

The 17 annual Free Will Baptist gift support dinners are designed to provide support for the general education fund. In addition to financial support, these dinners provide a strong means of communication between the Free Will Baptist Church and the College.

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**Reply Form**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I plan to attend the Bridge Builders Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, September 28. There will be \_\_\_\_\_ in my party.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Church \_\_\_\_\_

Please Mail to: Jean F. Ackiss  
Director of Church Support  
Mount Olive College  
Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365  
Phone (919) 658-2502

(All Friends of Mount Olive College Are Invited.)



# SEVENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION of the CONVENTION OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

College Hall  
Mount Olive College  
Mount Olive, North Carolina

Tuesday, September 10, 1991

7:30—Evangelism Rally

Rodgers Chapel

Wednesday, September 11, 1991

Ushers, Layman's League Members; Pianist, Mrs. Jean Wise; Song Leader, Mr. Peyton Lee

## MORNING SESSION

8:30—Registration of Ministers and Delegates	Credentials Committee
9:00—Convention Called to Order	Mr. G. C. Bryan
—Congregational Singing	Mr. Peyton Lee
—Special Music	
—Scripture and Prayer	The Rev. Philip Wood
—Welcome	
9:15—President's Remarks	The Rev. W. Scott Sowers
—Appointment of Committees	The Rev. W. Scott Sowers
9:20—Partial Report of Credentials Committee	The Rev. Jeff Daughtry
—Executive Committee Report	Mr. G. C. Bryan
—Treasurer's Report	The Rev. Leon Harris
9:25—General Secretary's Report	The Rev. C. H. Overman
—Miscellaneous Business	
10:00—Worship Service	
—Congregational Singing	Mr. Peyton Lee
—Convention Offering and Special Music	
—Introductory Message	The Rev. Harold Jones
11:00—Retirement Homes Report	The Rev. Walter Sutton
11:10—Sunday School Board Report	The Rev. Joe Griffith
11:15—Home Missions and Evangelism Report	The Rev. David C. Hansley
11:25—Mount Olive College Report	Dr. W. Burkette Raper
—Mount Olive College Press	Dr. Pepper Worthington
11:55—Announcements	
12:00—Recess for Lunch	

## AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30—Registration (1:30-2)	
—Congregational Singing	Mr. Peyton Lee
—Recognition of Fraternal Delegates	The Rev. C. H. Overman
1:50—Children's Home Report	The Rev. Bobby Taylor
2:05—Foreign Missions Report	The Rev. Harold Jones
2:15—Ministerial Association Report	The Rev. Ray Wells
2:20—Minister's Program Report	The Rev. Donald Fader
2:30—Church Finance Association Report	The Rev. Walter Reynolds
2:40—Chaplain's Commission Report	
2:45—Board of Denominational Publications Report	
2:50—Cragmont Assembly Report	The Rev. John Williams
3:00—Miscellaneous Business Session	



## EVENING SESSION

7:30—Missions Rally

College Hall

Thursday, September 12, 1991

## MORNING SESSION

8:30- 9:30—Final Registration

9:00—Congregational Singing

—Special Music

Mr. Peyton Lee

9:05—Scripture and Prayer

The Rev. A. Graham Lane

Mr. R. Clifford Gray

9:15—Free Will Baptist Press Report

9:25—Layman's League Report

9:30—Woman's Auxiliary Report

9:35—Carolina Bible Institute Report

9:45—Camp Vandemere Report

Dr. Floyd Cherry

The Rev. Ralph Sumner

10:00—Worship Service

—Congregational Singing

—Convention Offering and Special Music

—Message

Mr. Peyton Lee

11:00—Final Report of Credentials Committee

The Rev. David C. Hansley

The Rev. Jeff Daughtry

Mr. Gary Barefoot

11:10—Obituary Committee Report

11:20—Historical Commission Report

11:25—League Convention Report

11:30—Resolutions Committee Report

—Miscellaneous Business

The Rev. Thomas Parrish

12:00—Recess for Lunch

## AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30—Congregational Singing

—Prayer

Mr. Peyton Lee

1:40—Nominating Committee Report

—Miscellaneous Business Session

The Rev. Ronnie Hobgood

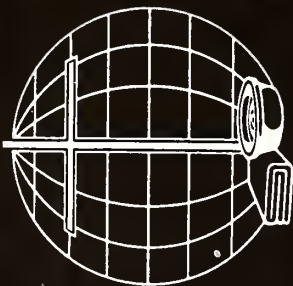
## CONVENTION PRAYER SESSION



Previous to the opening session of the 1991 annual session of the State Convention, a special prayer session is planned for Wednesday, September 11, at 8 a.m. in Rodgers Chapel. Come and let us unite our hearts in prayer and supplication.



# CONVENTION OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS



W. Scott Sowers

## W. Scott Sowers *President*

Scott Sowers is a long-time member of the Executive Committee. He has served as a member-at-large, recording secretary, and vice president. A member of the Central Conference, he presently serves on the Conference Missions Board, having served as clerk and vice moderator of the Conference.

Scott holds degrees from Mount Olive and Barton (formerly Atlantic Christian College) Colleges. He has done work at Columbia Bible College and Seminary and is presently involved in studies at Liberty University.

Scott enjoys being with people, those young and old alike. Traveling, reading, walking, and "playing" with computers are his favorite pastimes.

Married to Janie Jones Sowers, Scott pastors Marlboro Church, Farmville.

## Ray Wells *Vice President*

A member of the Western Conference, Ray Wells is serving his first year as vice president of the Convention. He brings much experience with him to this post, as he is past chairman of the Board of Home Missions and Evangelism, and moderator of the Western Conference.

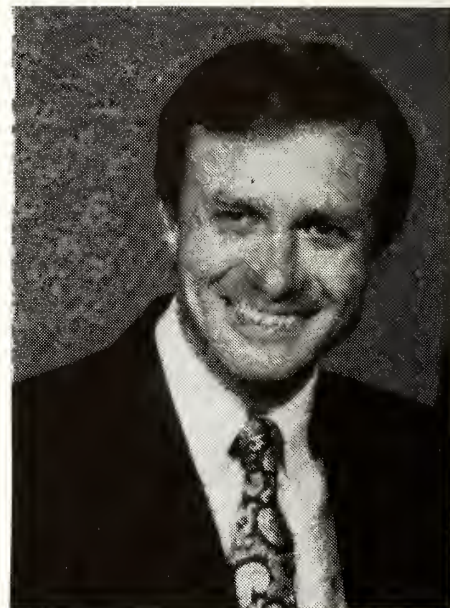
Ray holds degrees from Mount Olive and Barton Colleges and Southeastern Theological Seminary. At present, he is pastor of Marsh Swamp Church, Rock Ridge, and a part-time professor of Old Testament at Mount Olive College (Seymour Johnson Extension).

Ray enjoys fishing, golf and working with young people.

He is married to Julie Wells, who is assistant supervisor for home health care for Wilson County. They have two children: Alice, a senior at Barton College, and Daniel, a senior at James B. Hunt High School.



Ray Wells



Leon Harris

## G. C. Bryan *Recording Secretary*

G. C. Bryan is a member of Oak Grove Church, Bladenboro, NC. He and his wife, Linda, have three children: two sons and a daughter.

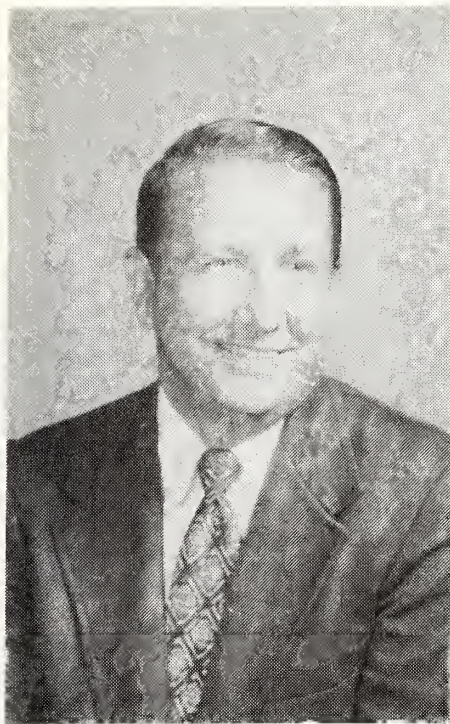
## Leon Harris *Treasurer*

Leon Harris is serving his first year as Convention treasurer. A member of the Central Conference, he is past treasurer of the Central Conference Missions Board; vice president of the Free Will Baptist Press Board, chairman of the Literature Committee and advisor to the Layman's League Board.

A 1980 graduate of Mount Olive College (A.S.), Leon serves as pastor of Rose Hill Church.

He and his wife, Judy, have been married nineteen years and have two children: Jodi, 13, and Joshua, 8.





Robert May



Peyton Lee

### Robert May *Albemarle Conference*

Robert May is no stranger to the Executive Committee, having served as president in the late 1970s. He is moderator of the Albemarle Conference and a member of the Conference Board of Ordination. Mr. May served on the Free Will Baptist Press Board for 15 years and was recognized as Minister of the Year in 1967.

Mr. May holds degrees from Mount Olive and Barton Colleges. At the present time, he serves as pastor of Hickory Chapel Church.

He and his wife, Sudie, have two sons, Tommy and Bradley, and four grandchildren, three girls and one boy.

Mr. May enjoys fishing and gardening.

### Peyton Lee *Cape Fear Conference*

Peyton Lee serves as the Cape Fear representative on the Executive Committee. A member of Shady Grove Church, he is both a deacon and the church music director. He is also the song leader of the Union Meeting.

Peyton attended UNC-Chapel Hill and Fayetteville Community College. He is a member of the Million Dollar Club, a Round Table Winner, and works as an insurance representative with North Carolina Farm Bureau Insurance Company.

Peyton enjoys gospel music, golf, and yard and roadside beautification.

He and his wife, Betty, have one son, Michael, a freshman at Mount Olive College.

### Phil Wood *Central Conference*

Phil Wood is serving his first year as a member of the Executive Committee. A member of the Central Conference, Phil pastors Free Union Church, Walstonburg.

He and his wife, Sheryll, have two daughters.

### Justin Kornegay *Eastern Conference*

Justin Kornegay has served on the Executive Committee for the last several years. He is a member of Daly's Chapel Church, Seven Springs, where he serves as a deacon. He is clerk of the Third Union of the Eastern Conference and a Conference Trustee.

Mr. Kornegay has studied at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard, NCSU, Cape Fear Community College, and UNC-Wilmington. He is a retired occupational education teacher and enjoys woodwork, camping, and reading.

He and his wife, Marie, have three daughters: Violet Yarborough, Jo Ann Underhill, and Jane Groves. They also have six grandchildren and one great grandchild.



Justin Kornegay





William "Jackie" Godwin  
**William "Jackie" Godwin**  
*Pee Dee Association*

Jackie Godwin has served on the Executive Committee for ten years, six years as vice president. At the present time, he represents the Pee Dee Association, which is quite appropriate since he has served as moderator of the Association for the last 12 years. He has also served on the Association Ordaining Council, the Mount Olive College Board of Trustees (two years), and *The Articles of Faith* Revision Committee.

Jackie attended Campbell University for two years and received his B.A. from High Point College. He has also done some graduate work.

Serving as pastor of Beaverdam Church, the largest church in the Convention, demands much of Jackie's time. Whenever he can, he enjoys hunting, fishing, and reading.

Jackie and his wife, Minnie, have one son, Neil.

**M. E. Cox**  
*Piedmont Conference*

M. E. Cox, moderator of the Piedmont Conference from 1973 to 1991, represents the Piedmont Conference on the Executive Committee. Mr. Cox presently serves as pastor of Free Spirit Church, Wilson, and has, in the past, served on the Children's Home Board.

Mr. Cox's life and interests are diversified. He has been a student (Lee's College, Cleveland, Tennessee), a barber, sold real estate and automobiles, and started five new churches. He also enjoys fishing and music.

He and his wife, Maxine, have two daughters: Debbie and Sheila, both of whom are married. The Coxes also have two grandchildren: Buck and Shannon.



M. E. Cox  
**Craig Simmons**  
*Western Conference*

Craig Simmons represents the Western Conference on the Executive Committee. A graduate of Mount Olive and Barton Colleges, he also serves on the Commission of Free Will Baptist Fellowships, the Cragmont Board, and the Free Will Baptist Press Board.

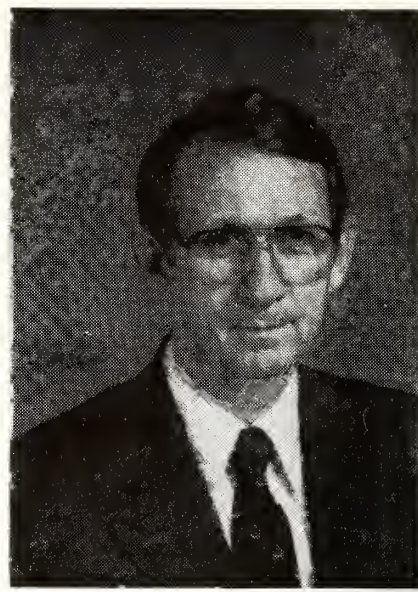
Craig is married to Jackie, who has taught in the Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf and in public schools. They have a son, Tyler, who is seven, and a daughter, Jamie, who is five. He enjoys sports, reading, and music.

He presently serves as pastor of St. Mary's Church, New Bern.

**C. H. Overman**  
*General Secretary*

C. H. Overman serves as general secretary of the Convention. His past activities include: assistant editor and editor of the Free Will Baptist Press, 11 years; recording secretary of the Convention, 7 years; recording secretary of the Central Conference, 6 years; Central Conference Ordaining Council, 5 years; vice president of the Convention, 4 years; vice president of the North Carolina Ministerial Association, 2 years; president of the North Carolina Ministerial Association, 2 years; member of the Sunday School Board, 9 years; served on both the State League Convention Board and the Convention's Board of Publications and Literature.

C. H. attended Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, TN, and graduated from Barton College. A retired public school teacher, he presently writes *The Bible Teacher Quarterly* for the Free Will Baptist Press and pastors Hickory Grove Church, Robersonville.



C. H. Overman  
 Married to the former Ruby Nichols of Farmville, C. H. has two children, Hal and Jeanne, and two step-children, Jeff and Tina.

### ANNUAL THEMES

1990-91—Hear the Word of the Lord Concerning Commitment (Romans 12:1-2; Psalm 37:5)

1991-92—Hear the Word of the Lord Concerning Christian Outreach (Acts 18:15; Matthew 28:19-20; Luke 10:2; Acts 1:8)

1992-93—Hear the Word of the Lord Concerning Christian Discipleship (Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23; 1 Peter 4:10)

1993-94—Hear the Word of the Lord Concerning Christian Stewardship (1 Corinthians 4:2; 1 Corinthians 6:20)

1994-95—Hear the Word of the Lord Concerning Christian Ministry (Galatians 6:10; 1 Peter 4:10-11)

This five-year theme has been adopted by the Executive Committee of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists and presented to the conference moderators, ministry directors and board chairmen, commissions and boards of the Convention. It is hoped that this theme will be carried out as suggested by the Convention. Churches and ministers are urged to unite in emphasizing this theme. This fall's Convention will focus on the theme, "Hear the Word of the Lord Concerning Christian Outreach." It is our desire that the coming year, 1991-92, will truly be a year of outreach and growth as Free Will Baptists "Hear the Word of the Lord."





**1991 Convention  
September 10-12**

## CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Registration for the 1991 Convention will begin on Wednesday morning at 8:30 a.m. and will continue until 10 a.m. (Other registration periods are as follows: Wednesday, 1:30-2 p.m.; Thursday, 8:30-9:30 a.m.) The Convention will begin at 9 a.m. (The schedule for the Convention can be found on Pages 20-21.)

Prior to the beginning of the annual session, many will gather for the Night of Evangelism. The Rev. Melvin Everington will be the featured speaker at this Tuesday evening service.

During the course of the session, sermons will be delivered by the Revs. Harold Jones and David Charles Hansley. Mr. Jones serves as director of the Convention Foreign Missions ministry; Mr. Hansley serves as director of the Home Missions and Evangelism program.

The 1991 Missions Rally will begin at 7:30 Wednesday evening, with the Home Missions Board responsible for the program. The Rev. Al Markuson,

pastor of Genesis Mission, will speak during the Rally. Greetings from the Rev. Bob Harber and the president of the Lao Evangelical Church of Laos will be featured, as will music provided by Kaonou Mouanoutoua. A special offering will be taken for the missions work of the Convention that night. Funds not earmarked for either foreign missions or home missions work will be divided between the two departments.

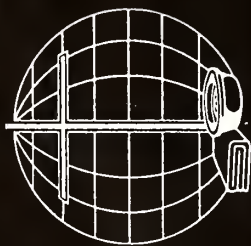
Remember, each church should send its pastor and his wife as well as its delegates; and they should attend all sessions.

An information desk will be set up to assist anyone with any questions on locations as well as Convention facilities. Denominational ministries and institutions will also be relating the present status of their respective organization and telling about projected goals.

The importance of the Convention cannot be over emphasized.



# NIGHT OF EVANGELISM



Tuesday, September 10

Rodgers Chapel  
Mount Olive College  
Mount Olive, NC



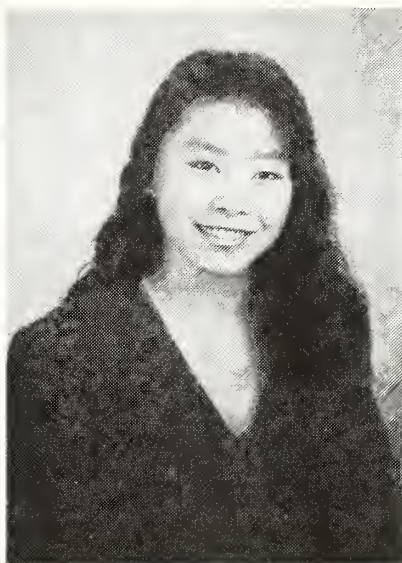
Special Music provided by the Choir  
of Core Creek Church, Cove City, NC

Message from the Rev. Melvin Everington



Wednesday,  
September 11

College Hall  
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Mount Olive, NC



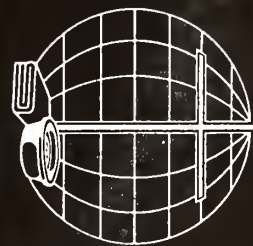
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## THE CONVENTION AND YOU

by W. Scott Sowers

“What does the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists do for my church?” is a question that is often asked. It especially seems to crop up about this time of year. It is time for the annual session and churches are asked to send delegates, information, and financial support. Pastors are *expected* to at-

tend and *required* to attend by some conferences. If we are going to invest time, people, energy, and resources, we really do need to understand how it relates to our church.

The Convention of Original Free Will Baptists is composed of ministers (ordained by member



conferences), and representatives of the member unions, conferences, associations and churches. Each union, conference, or association is entitled to one delegate for every five hundred members or fraction thereof. Each church is permitted one delegate for every one-hundred members or fraction thereof. It will not take one long to discover that churches are offered the largest representation at the annual session. Each church is encouraged to take part in the decision-making process.

The Convention makes it possible for our churches to work together in a cooperative program of ministry far beyond the ability of one church or even a small group of churches. There are strength and wisdom in the combined effort of our churches. The representative form of organization assures that each church is able to participate in the decision-making process. The action of the Convention is in fact the action of our churches in a combined manner.

It is at the Convention level that the Original Free Will Baptists determine the tenets of faith. The statement of our beliefs and practices is adopted at the Convention and then ratified by the conferences. Each conference is represented on any revision study. Revisions are brought before the Convention for thorough discussion and require a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority. The proposed revisions are then presented to each conference for discussion and become the rule of the church only after  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the member conferences approve. Could you imagine what would happen if each church were forced to develop its own doctrines, or even the confusion if each conference set up its own faith and practice?

The Convention is a very important part of our structure because it unifies our resources. It is at the Convention level that most of our ministry programs got their start, operate, and are held accountable. The local church would find it almost impossible to operate child care, educational, mission, retirement, camping and ministerial programs. The local church just does not have that kind of resources. It is wise stewardship to work with other churches of like faith to further the cause of Christ in the world.

It is at the annual meeting of the Convention that these ministry programs report and provide information about their ongoing activities. Most of the boards that oversee the work of these ministries are elected at the Convention. If your church chooses not to represent, then your voice is lost. You and your church are responsible for the operation of our ministries through participation.

Every ministry that reports to our Convention must include a financial report as to income and expense, as well as the financial condition of the ministry. It is at the annual session that you receive an accounting of what happens to the money that you have invested in the ministries of our denomination.

A wise steward would not fail to take an interest in the use of funds that they provide. It is at the annual session that these reports are provided.

Another reason that our Convention is important is because the Convention is attempting to develop programs through both the ministries and our promotional office that will aid the local church in carrying on its programs. Our Convention is only as strong as our churches. We are trying to assist the churches in providing the kinds of programs that our people need and want. This is an area that we are just beginning to develop.

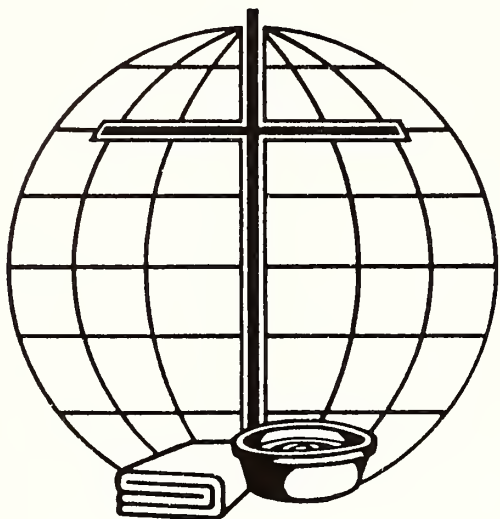
Among Original Free Will Baptists, it almost seems that *administration* is an unacceptable term. But without administration the job will not get done! The Convention itself is somewhat of an administrative arm of our church. It is the Convention and its elected leadership that are charged with the administrative task of planning and coordinating the cooperative work of our churches. *We are not just seven conferences and several ministries; we are a denomination.* We are not just the parts, but we are a whole.

The annual session would not happen without administrative work taking place. Someone has to plan, arrange, publicize, and carry out the work that is required for an orderly Convention, one that allows the membership to participate in the cooperative business of our Convention. This kind of administrative function will always cost money. Reporting at the Convention and the publishing of minutes following the Convention all require funding. The preparation of materials and programming all involve expenses.

The growth of our work has caused us to secure the services of an administrator. For many years, full-time ministers who served as elected officers have attempted to do the administrative work as volunteers and on a piecemeal basis. The demands of full-time ministry just do not allow the time, energy, or expertise to administer the program of our Convention. Representing the total program of our Convention alone requires a massive amount of time. Planning and coordinating can not be done very well by those who are often already stretched to the limit. The General Secretary is able to fill that role far more effectively. He is becoming a valuable resource for our ministries, ministers and local churches. He is there for all of us.

What does the General Secretary do for your church? Unless the level of support increases, the actual return may not be so apparent. Given time for the development of the work and the support of our churches, I believe that all of us will profit! At the present time, the function is limited to a part-time office. It's really up to us to decide what *he and the Convention* can do for us. After all, it is *our* Convention.





## A LOOK AT THE CONVENTION . . .

(from *An Introduction to Original Free Will Baptists*,  
by Floyd B. Cherry, revised 1989)

The forerunner of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists was the Union Conference, which was organized at Pine Level, February 3, 1891. The minutes of the first session of this conference refer to it as the "Union Conference of the Western and Cape Fear Conferences of Original Free Will Baptists." These two conferences were the only ones representing for several years; however, when the group adopted a constitution, the official name was "The Original Free Will Baptist General Union Conference." Furthermore, the constitution stated: "Any minister or conference desiring to become a member of this body shall present his or her petition at a regular session of the Conference." This gives ample proof that the organizers intended that the Union Conference would ultimately embrace more than just the Western and Cape Fear Conferences.

In 1984, when the Union Conference was again meeting at Pine Level, the Eastern Conference represented for the first time. It was at this time that the "Minister's Meeting" was organized. It also had representatives from the Western, Cape Fear, and Eastern Conferences. From the minutes and constitution of the Minister's Meeting, one can deduce that the purpose of this meeting was to promote fellowship and cooperation among the ministers. It was not until 1897 when the Union Conference was meeting at Spring Branch Church that the Central Conference represented.

At the 1898 session of the Union Conference held with Hickory Grove Church, Pitt County, a general discussion in which all of the ministers took part was held on this subject: "Is the Union Conference Any

Advantage to the Free Will Baptists?" After this discussion, Asa Garriss presented the following resolution: "Resolved, that we earnestly request every Free Will Baptist church in North Carolina to represent in the next Union Conference by delegate, letter, or pastor with contribution." Thus the Union Conference became an effort as a statewide organization of Free Will Baptists.

The Union Conference and the Minister's Meeting continued to meet annually until 1912. At the 1912 session of both organizations, resolutions were passed to disband in favor of the organization of a state convention. The action of the Minister's Meeting reads: "On motion, this body become a part of one general State Convention of the Original Free Will Baptists, to meet annually." The Union Conference passed a motion to "discuss the question of making this with the Minister's Meeting, a body known as a State Convention."

Dr. E. L. St. Claire from the South Georgia Association was present and led in the discussion. Although he was almost blind, Dr. St. Claire was the best educated Free Will Baptist minister known at that time and had great persuasive ability. There is no doubt that his influence had a great deal to do with the organization of the State Convention. After much discussion, Dr. St. Claire presented the following resolution:

Brethren, in order to increase our Zion and get our brethren united into one convention, be it resolved: (1) That the name of the body be changed to The North Carolina State Convention of the Original Free Will Baptists. (2) That the officers be a president and a vice-president, a secretary, a treasurer, and an executive committee of three members, a



state Home Mission Board of not less than five members and one or more State Evangelists.

(3) That a committee be appointed of not less than five members to draft a new constitution and by-laws at the next setting of the body.

(4) That an effort be made by the corresponding secretary to get all Free Will Baptists in the Western part of the State in the State Convention.

(5) That each church in the State may represent in the convention.

After the passage of this resolution, the body proceeded to elect officers for the State Convention that would meet for the first time the next year. The following were elected: D. B. Sasser, president; M. C. Prescott, vice president; E. T. Phillips, secretary; C. M. Johnson, corresponding secretary; and A. T. Dawson, treasurer. The executive committee was composed of J. W. Alford, of the Eastern Conference, G. C. Vause of the Central, and J. H. Whitley of the Western. Elected to the State Mission Board were the following: R. F. Pittman of the Western Conference, J. F. Casey of the Cape Fear, George W. Prescott of the Central, and H. W. Johnson of the Western. The committee selected to write a constitution and by-laws for the new organization was composed of C. M. Johnson, C. K. Dunn, George W. Gerrel, D. B. Sasser, and J. E. Sawyer.

Why did the leaders decide to form a new organization at this time rather than strengthen the old one? Of course, the records do not reveal explicitly the reason for such action, but if we read between the lines and see the implications and the conditions that existed at the time, we can come up with three possible reasons: (1) The records reveal that the period from 1891 to 1912, the time in which the Union Conference existed, was a time of great growth. It became clear that the loose organization that existed in the Union Conference was unsatisfactory. (2) Soon after the turn of the century, the "Holiness groups" began to spread their teaching of "a second definite work of grace." By 1912, these Holiness groups had taken a large part of the Cape Fear Conference and some churches outside the Conference. This made the leaders feel that they needed a stronger organization to bind the Free Will Baptists together. (3) The period that immediately preceded the organization of the State Convention was a time of great educational advancement in the United States. Free Will Baptists, like other groups, had been affected, and they felt the need of a better planned organization. In many ways the organization of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists was a sign of maturity.

In accordance with the plans that had been made the previous year at the Union Conference, delegates and ministers from four conferences and sixty-four churches met on September 17, 1913, at Bailey, for the first session of the State Convention.

The conferences represented were Cape Fear, Central, Eastern, and Western. There were twenty ordained ministers registered for the meeting and delegates from sixty-four churches.

The growth of the Convention is shown by the increasing number of conferences to represent the number of churches sending delegates, and the membership of the churches representing. In 1913, attending the first session of the Convention were four conferences with sixty-four churches and 7,439 members represented. By 1938, according to the report of the field secretary as presented at the session of Convention, there were nine conferences and one yearly meeting, and 302 churches with 29,548 members. There was a steady increase numerically until 1961, when a split came between the North Carolina State Convention and the National Association and several churches and at least two conferences or associations withdrew from the Convention.

Immediately after the organization of the State Convention, efforts at unifying the group began. In the very first session the following motion was passed: "This body appoint a committee to get a form of rules for the government of all the churches and submit same to all of the conferences for adoption." The committee appointed to do this work consisted of J. T. Butler from the Central Conference, J. W. Alford from the Eastern, E. T. Phillips from the Western, and J. F. Hill from the Cape Fear. This was the first effort to put into effect a statewide treatise for the operation of the conferences and the local churches.

Again, in 1915, the Convention passed the following: "Be it resolved that the State Convention ought to be the Chief Executive body of the Free Will Baptist denomination in North Carolina; and that we ask the conferences and churches to make it such." The leaders had the foresight to see that one of the great needs of the group was the unification of the work.

Evidently, the various conferences of the state had been operating under different Articles of Faith. They were essentially the same, but there were minor differences; so, in 1916, the following motion was passed in the State Convention: "That the committee on discipline, appointed by the Convention, be authorized to meet and unify the Articles of Faith and report the same at the next meeting of the Convention."

The minutes of the Convention do not show that the above committee reported in 1917, but in 1918 when the Convention was meeting at Reedy Branch in Pitt County, the committee made the following report:

The committee appointed by the State Convention to unify the discipline of the Eastern, Western, Central, and Cape Fear Conferences; and later asked to unify the Articles of Faith, beg leave to submit the following report:

We, your committee, recommend to this honorable

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body the adoption of the Articles of Faith as set forth in the Treatise of the Co-operative General Association.

Respectfully submitted,  
R. F. Pittman  
S. H. Styron  
W. J. Braxton  
W. A. Jackson

One can readily see that this was not the same committee that had been appointed in 1916; however, the makeup of the committee had been changed at the 1917 session of the Convention.

In addition to making efforts to unify itself, the State Convention from the beginning showed a spirit of cooperation with other groups of Free Will Baptists. In fact, the resolution that was adopted at the Union Conference which terminated in the organization of the State Convention was introduced by Dr. E. L. St. Claire of Georgia, and the minutes of 1915 call him "the father of the State Convention." As early as 1916, the Rev. R. F. Pittman was appointed by the Convention to represent the Convention at the Co-operative General Association of Free Will Baptists of the United States, which was scheduled to meet with the Philadelphia Church near Pittsburg, Missouri, the last of December, 1916. Mr. Pittman attended this meeting and reported at the 1917 session of the State Convention.

Representatives from the Co-operative General Association attended the State Convention and were given all the privileges of the body with the exception of voting until 1920. The report of the executive committee to the 1930 session has this short paragraph: "By motion the committee approve the action of the North Carolina delegation in withdrawing from the Co-operative Association at the sitting of that body in Nashville, Tennessee, December 24-27, 1919." So far as we have been able to ascertain, this withdrawal was without prejudice and was for the purpose of cooperating with other Free Will Baptists in the East in the formation of the General Conference. This is evidenced by the fact that at this same session of the Convention the following action was taken: "Motion carried to appoint a committee of three to take in hand the work of cooperating with other true and loyal Free Will Baptist bodies in the perfection of a national organization." The committee appointed for this purpose was composed of J. W. Alford, J. C. Griffin, and S. H. Styron.

At the 1921 session of the State Convention held with Black Jack Church, Pitt County, the Rev. J. L. Welch from Nashville, Tennessee, was present and spoke about how the Co-operative General Association was partially disbanded and of the formation of the General Conference of America. After discussion of the General Conference by the Rev. J. W. Alford and the reading of its constitution by the Rev. E. C. Morris, the State Convention adopted the following resolution: "Resolved that this State Convention of Free Will Baptists of North Carolina en-

dorse the organization of the General Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of America, which organization was consummated at Nashville, Tennessee, May, 1921." This was followed with the election of the Rev. S. H. Styron to be the delegate to the 1922 session of the General Conference.

The Convention remained a member of the General Conference until it was dissolved for the organization of the National Association of Free Will Baptists in 1935. The North Carolina State Convention became a charter member of the National Association and remained active until 1962 when it withdrew.

### **The Development of Conferences**

From the time the General Conference was revived in 1842 until 1855, there was only one conference of Original Free Will Baptists in North Carolina. A few of the churches in the western part of the state belonged to a conference in South Carolina, but the greater number belonged to the General Conference.

### **The Cape Fear Conference**

The Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists was organized at Stony Run, Cumberland County, November 1, 1855. The churches in the Cumberland area had belonged to the South Carolina Conference, but their attendance had been poor because of poor traveling conditions. Feeling the need to organize a conference nearer home, Elders James Turnage and William Harris rode horseback to South Carolina and secured written permission from the Conference there to organize a conference in North Carolina. Even though the churches in the Cumberland area did not belong to the General Conference prior to this time, the South Carolina Conference to which they belonged did exchange fraternal delegates with the General Conference.

This conference organized with eight churches, eight ordained ministers, and 370 members. The ministers were William Byrd, William Hall, William Harris, Gardner Homes, Curtis Lee, James Turnage, John Watson, and John Williams. The churches and the counties in which they were located are as follows: Stony Run, Cumberland; Long Branch, Cumberland; Free Union, Cumberland; Fayetteville, Cumberland; Shady Grove, Sampson; Bethsada, Harnett; and Elbethel, Robeson. At this first session of the Conference, Elder John Williams served as moderator, and Elder James Turnage as clerk.

This Conference grew until there were seventy churches with a total of 4,970 members in 1908. But about this time the influence of the young Holiness groups that were getting a start in the nation began to be felt, and it was not long until many of the



churches pulled out of the Cape Fear Conference and organized what is known as the Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church.

### **The Pee Dee Association**

The only information that we have been able to find regarding the Pee Dee Association is that given in Harrison and Barfield's history, which states that it was organized in 1869, and that it lies along the South Carolina, line with some of the churches being in that state.

### **The Western Conference**

In the regular annual session of the General Conference held at Black Jack, Pitt County, in 1886, a motion was made to divide the Conference and make two conferences. The minutes of the General Conference recording this action read as follows:

On motion it was decided that this conference be divided into two conferences, viz.: One to be called the First and the other to be called the Second Conference; and was further decided that six ministers be appointed to make the line between them. The following ministers were appointed at the committee, viz.: Elders R. K. Hearn, D. Davis, M. Linton, John Harrison, P. T. Lucas, and R. H. Holland.

The committee after due deliberation, reported as follows: The Wilmington and Weldon Railroad be the dividing line, and that any church on either side have the right to be represented in either conference, and that no change shall be made in our Book of Discipline without the concurrence of three-fourths of both Conferences.

Although not explicitly stated, it seems that there was general agreement at this meeting in 1886 that the western division of the General Conference form a new organization and the others continue as before. As proof of this we offer the fact that this session decided that "the next session of the General Conference be held with the church at Watery Branch, Wayne County." This indicates that they expected to continue to meet under the same name, the same discipline and with the same officers. On the other hand it was decided that the western group meet with St. Mary's, Wilson County, the following year.

In October 1887, the group met according to schedule with the St. Mary's Church, Wilson County, with 19 ministers, 26 churches, and a total of 1,403 members. At this session it was agreed that this group would be known as the "Western Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina."

### **Central and Eastern Conferences**

In 1895, when the General Conference met at Gum Swamp, Pitt County, a motion was passed to organize the conference into two bodies: the first to be known as the Central Original Conference, the second to be known as the Eastern Conference. This in effect made the Central Conference the original Conference of North Carolina, and this Conference numbers its annual minutes in this manner today.

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The counties composing the Central Original Conference were as follows: Lenoir, on the north side of the Neuse River; Wayne, on the west side of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad; and Wilson, the same as Wayne, Greene, Pitt, Martin, Washington, Hertford, Bertie, Northhampton, Edgecombe, Halifax, Dare, Tyrrell in North Carolina and Southampton in Virginia.

The counties composing the Eastern Conference were as follows: Carteret, Duplin, Lenoir on the south side of the Neuse River; Craven, Pamlico, Beaufort and Hyde, with the churches on the dividing line allowed to represent in the conference of their choice.

It was also stipulated that the two conferences would use the same hymn book, *The Free Will Baptist*, as their official organ, and be governed by the same discipline. It was also understood that each conference would send delegates to the other conference at each session and that they would be entitled to seats without invitation. This division of the Conference was done on a peaceful basis and it is obvious that they wanted to make sure that the union between the two conferences continued.

It was also agreed that the first session of the Central Conference would meet with Malachi's Chapel, Tyrrell County; and the first session of the Eastern Conference would meet with Trent Church, Pamlico County.

### **The Piedmont Conference**

At a meeting of the Beaver Creek Association of South Carolina at the Rhyne Street Church in 1943, 13 churches that were located in North Carolina asked for letters of dismission in order to form their own conference or association. These letters were granted, and the following year (1944) these churches met at Goshen Grove Church, North Belmont, North Carolina, to organize their conference. The Conference was organized under the name Piedmont Conference, with the following churches as charter members: Goshen Grove, Rhyne Street, Ben Avenue, Caroleen, Washington Street, Rocky Path, Mable Avenue, Arrington Heights, Ridge Way, Mount Holly, Roberson Creek, St. Pauls, Mt. Zion. These thirteen churches with 21 ordained ministers comprised the organization. The officers elected at the first session were O. M. Hilburn, moderator; Sherman Oaks, clerk; and L. D. Gray, treasurer.

### **The Albemarle Conference**

In accordance with an agreement that had been reached with the Central Conference in 1944, a group of 17 churches and seven ordained ministers met at Sound Side Church, Tyrrell County, to organize the Albemarle Conference in October, 1945. The officers elected at this first session were W. A. Hales, moderator; R. P. Harris, clerk; and T. F. Davenport, treasurer.





## DELEGATES

Delegates are the official representatives of each local church to the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. Each delegate may represent as many as 100 members of a local church. It is their votes, combined with the votes of ministers, conference representatives, and Convention officials, that determine the business of our Convention. These people—your delegates—are important!

Delegates should be elected or chosen based on their ability to represent your church and its people, rather than on the basis of extra time and a willingness to attend. Delegates should be aware of their selection as your representatives and that you are counting on them to represent you! It is impossible for you to be fully represented without the presence of your delegates throughout the entire Convention. Representation on one day only will not give you a voice in the total operation of

the Convention, because business is conducted on both days.

Many times the local church is faced with a problem: those who they would like to represent them are not available. Perhaps if the importance of your representation is explained and demonstrated in the selection, more would be willing to serve. The church might also consider paying the expenses that a person would incur in serving as a delegate. Perhaps the expenditure of funds and the request for a report following the Convention will help keep the importance of the work of delegates at the Convention in proper perspective!

What can the church do about those who just want to go to the Convention? They are welcome to attend. The Convention encourages visitors. However, only your official delegates will be voting. Be represented this year; let your church participate. It is **our** Convention!



by C. H. Overman

## THE GENERAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

During the week of July 21, it was my privilege, along with four other of our ministers, to attend the General Association of General Baptists, which met in Springfield, Illinois. The others who attended were the Revs. David C. Hansley, James Owens, Bruce Dudley, and Harry Jones. Our means of travel was on Brother Owens' full-size Chevy van. This allowed for a very comfortable ride, and also provided for many hours of Christian fellowship. We left on Sunday, July 21, about 2 p.m. After the five of us were loaded on the van, we traveled on to Cragmont, where we spent Sunday night in the motel. Monday's trip was rather long in reference to travel and time, for we arrived in Springfield about 11 p.m., and it was much later than that before we retired. We attended sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday, and during this time we were able to meet many of the General Baptist brethren, to view their displays, and also to hear the sermons during their worship services. It was my privilege to stand before their Association on Tuesday evening and bring greetings from our Convention. More than 900 were in attendance for both the Tuesday and Wednesday evening services. We were all very well received by the General Baptist brethren.

We refer to our association with the General Baptists as "fraternal." This means that we recognize each other as brothers (and sisters) in Christ, we share a common heritage, and we seek ways to learn from each other, and thus enjoy a Christian love and fellowship. At least, this is the way I interpret our association.

As our readers know, we have had somewhat of a working relationship with the General Baptists

for several years. This has been especially true in the area of home missions work, in which both home missions groups are working together among the H'mong and Laotians who have settled in various areas of our country. Another area of cooperative efforts has been in a crossing over of some of our ministers and theirs. We have had several of our ministers to work among the General Baptists and several of their ministers have pastored certain of our Convention churches.

At the time that we began to make contacts with the General Baptists, which was about twenty years ago, I was not involved with our work as I had been, or as I am now. Thus, to attend their Association was special for me. It was a first.

As I attend other denomination's conferences, I am made aware that we all face the same problems and we are all working toward the same end. Therefore, there is much room for fellowship among brethren of like faith, worship, and practice. Perhaps there are some broader fields awaiting us in the area of "fraternal" relationships.

## OUR CONVENTION

By the time this "Notes and Quotes" is read, the Annual Meeting of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists will be just around the corner. Letters and report forms have been mailed to our church clerks. Each year there are always some clerks who do not receive theirs. We request that you contact our Headquarters office if you do not.

It is our hope that each church will be properly represented at the Convention. This means that each church should have one delegate for each one hundred members, or fraction thereof. Each Conference and Union Meeting should represent with

one delegate for each five hundred members, or fraction thereof. If this were properly done, our attendance would be quite improved.

At last year's Convention, a total of 350 ministers and delegates pre-registered. Delegates present totaled 207 and ministers totaled 133. Visiting ministers and members of the Convention brought the total to 350.

As mentioned in last month's "Notes and Quotes," each delegate's registration has been increased from \$5 to \$10.

While you are at the Convention this year, please take time to view the displays. Our ministries personnel spend a lot of time and effort in preparing the displays and would appreciate a good response from the Convention people.

The 1991-92 theme is "Hear the Word of the Lord Concerning Christian Outreach." After stressing commitment for the past year, what could be more appropriate than "outreach?"

We hope to see you at our Convention! Please remember the special services on both Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. It's going to be a great Convention.

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# GOOD NEWS ABOUT RELIGION IN AMERICA

by James P. Wesberry

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One of the most helpful periodicals we receive each year is entitled *Religion in America*. It contains, as my good friend Harold D. Bennett says, "a mountain of statistical information." It is published by the Princeton Religion Center by Dr. George H. Gallup, whose name is a by-word throughout the world. He is executive director of the Princeton Research Center and co-chairman of Gallup Organization.

The opening article in the 1990 edition of *Religion in America* is by Dr. Gallup entitled, "Looking Ahead into the Year 2000."

At the end of this century all of Christendom will celebrate the 2,000th birthday of Jesus Christ. Many look forward to this gleefully and still others ask, "Will there be anything to celebrate?" There are optimists and there are pessimists.

We take the optimistic view. We bring good news: Gallup faces both sides. We take the encouraging side. A brief look at the landscape of America impresses us to discover the prominence given to religion in our nation. Gallup says there are over 500,000 churches, temples, synagogues, mosques of all shapes and sizes. He tells us there are no less than 2,000 denominations, not to mention countless independent churches, faith communities and para-churches. He adds that sixty percent of the populace can be found in faith communities in any given month.

Surveys show a new interest in religion.

All together 85 percent of Americans gave money during a 12-month period to religious purposes. Seventy-four percent of the republic donated food, clothing, etc., to help needy people. Forty-two percent did unpaid volunteer work.

Eighty-four percent contributed time, money, clothes, and food to the needy. Virtually all Americans say they believe in God or a universal spirit. Most of them believe in a God who loves and cares for them.

The majority of people believe in a God who performs miracles today.

Many believe that God has a plan for their lives. Most of the people believe in an indwelling, living Christ and His return to earth. The majority of people believe in Heaven and also in Hell.

The vast majority believe the Bible is either literal or the inspired word of God.

Virtually everyone prays in one form or another. One-third say they have had a profound religious experience. Four in 10 Americans attend church once each week. Seven in 10 say they are church members. The vast majority want religious teaching for their children. Christians and Jews give millions of dollars to their churches. Only four in 100 Americans say they are completely non-religious. The vast majority say that religion is currently important to their lives and 54 percent of them say they are members of some church. Only four in 100 are completely non-religious and have no religious preference, or say that religion is not important to their lives.

Three fourths say that religion is certainly very important or was at some time or another.

Gallup suggests an agenda for the churches in the 1990s, adopted from *Christianity Today*, the church must capture its zeal for sharing its faith and hope—it should reclaim a long tradition of providing refuge to the needy and oppressed. And very importantly, the church needs to re-discover its identity "as a peculiar people"; and fourth, heartfelt, urgent and constant prayer will be crucial as we meet the challenges for the future.

Gallup says that "God's unchanging resources in His Spirit, mediated to us through the personal and corporate practice of prayer, worship and Bible study, will enable us to meet the coming decades headon—no matter what stresses and opportunities it may hold."

We commend George Gallup Jr. and the Princeton Religion Research Center for the 1990 report of *Religion in America*. We recommend it to all who would like to study it.

One of the most dramatic trends in the 55-year history of the Gallup Poll has been the growth in tolerance toward persons of different religions.

To this we add that the church must renew its emphasis on the importance of Sunday as the day of all days for worship and rest, appeal to all Christians to celebrate it as a day of rejoicing over the Resurrection of Christ from the grave and encourage all others to accept it as a day of common rest. This, my friends, is religion in America!

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# THE TASK IS URGENT, THE TIME IS NOW

by Gene Puckett

Baptists historically have been concerned about evangelism. At times, we have talked a better game than we have played but that did not diminish our often-stated commitment to sharing our faith. It is time that we make a fresh commitment to Christ and share His message and ministry in the world with three clear understandings.

The task is urgent. The world becomes less Christian in population and principle every hour. Secularism is increasing, other religions are expanding and indifference is mounting. We do not have any time to waste.

Reports indicate that baptisms among many congregations will be up in 1990 but the positive numbers only tell us what we can do and should do; they by no means indicate we are reaching as many people as we should.

Baptisms have usually been regarded as an index to effectiveness in a church or the denomination. Such evaluations must always be done in the context of the local situation. Some churches are so blessed with opportunities that growth is inevitable and the congregation may need to be doing more even though the numbers are impressive.

On the other hand, some churches are located in situations where the potential for growth is low and any victories in reaching people for Christ may suggest a success greater than in other situations with much larger numbers. God does not expect us to equal or exceed others, only do the best we can with the situation in which He places us to witness.

We must be innovative and creative without compromising the full gospel we share.

*Newsweek* (December 17, 1990) had a cover story about the baby boomers getting involved in church. Headlined "A Time to Seek," the subhead was "With babes in arms and doubts in mind, a generation looks to religion."

There is a sleeper in that subhead—the word "religion."

Baby boomers (usually defined as those persons born between 1945 and 1960) need more than religion; they need Christianity. Often they are criticized for being too materialistic, too demanding, too status-oriented and too simplistic in their questions and answers.

Those best qualified to pass judgment on the baby boomers concede that these characteristics may exist, but they insist that the baby boomers also have a sense of commitment—to proper values, to their families, to their church. Some pastors contend it is grossly unfair to generalize and lump all baby boomers together as a group which wants to be cod-

dled, entertained, and catered to while always demanding and never giving.

Young suburban churches, larger churches and super-churches tend to attract the baby boomers. Yet every church can offer a challenge and an opportunity for service to the baby boomers who are serious about genuine Christian discipleship.

The baby boomers are only one segment of our society but they are symbolic of the fact we must meet people where they are to lead and nurture them into mature followers of Christ. Methods may have to be adjusted to communicate the gospel to the banker, the lawyer, the executive, the farmer, the construction worker, the homeless on the streets in the inner city or the suburban husband and wife with a well-manicured lawn, but the needs are the same and the message is the same.

We must be authentic disciples ourselves. The spoken or written message will be empty unless the person delivering it has experienced and tries to live out the grace of God.

The mentality of the "me generation" reached its peak in the decade of the Eighties. After the turbulence of the Sixties, in which nearly every value and relationship was challenged, the Seventies provided a transition into the era in which many tried to convince us "greed was good."

"This too shall pass" and it already is. This decade will be different; it offers an opportunity for Christians to show compassion, sacrifice and humility instead of callousness, selfishness and arrogance. All things considered, we face an age where more people have greater needs, often of a different nature, and we will have greater opportunities to speak and live the "good news" than ever before.

What will we do with the assignment before us? The task is urgent; the time is now.

Adapted from *The Biblical Recorder*, January 5, 1991.

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Do more than Exist—Live.  
Do more than Touch—Feel.  
Do more than Look—Observe.  
Do more than Read—Absorb.  
Do more than Hear—Listen.  
Do more than listen—Understand.  
Do more than Think—Ponder.  
Do more than Talk—Say Something.  
Do more than Rest—Worship.

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Let us all do more to honor God and His day!

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# CHURCH GROWTH Is Bigger Really Better?

"... You shall be my witnesses . . ." (Acts 1:8, RSV).

by James M. Daily, DMin.

## The Way It Is

"I like our church just the way it is," says one. "I don't know the folks in the church like I used to," says another. "You just can't get to know folks when a church becomes big," says a third. These are just a few of the comments heard regarding the size of a congregation.

I grew up in a small church; I also served a small church while in seminary, and there was something comforting in the fact that I could know all the members—know them well, and serve them well. But I also found that there were some things we could not do because of our size; we were very limited in Sunday School class grading, for example, and either the older ones felt the material was too simple for them, or the younger ones were lost with materials that were too complicated. Further, we could not have a children's choir, and often, not even an adult choir. We could not rotate teachers, or many other church leaders, etc.

## Our Vision

Jeremiah (23:3) quotes the Lord as saying, "... and they shall be fruitful and multiply." If in our family (both church and physical) we are fruitful and multiply, what are we to do with those who are added to the fold? If we reach a certain number, are we to simply turn them out of the family or abort them? Naturally, we do not turn away our children of physical birth, and neither should we turn away those children of God who would come into our local church via spiritual birth. And not only should we welcome our growing church family, we should also actively reach out to the unchurched. Our visions should be, as the Lord said, to "be fruitful and multiply."

## Our Reluctance

When folks say, "I like our church just the way it is," what is really often meant is, "I don't want us to grow, and I don't want to bother with having to learn the names of new folks."

Once I heard someone say, "I don't know the people in our church anymore." That is always a possibility for many reasons: (1) The person speaking might not be attending regularly, (2) there might have been additions to the church, and (3) the person speaking and/or the new folks might not remain after the service long enough to get acquainted. In this particular case, the pictures (with their names) of all the new families were posted in an easily accessible location for all to see. So the question might

then be asked, "Does this person really want to know the newcomers?"

It is also possible that the folks who say, "I like the church just the way it is," might mean, "I really don't care for the new people who are joining our church." This is the case at times when these new additions appear to have some potential and might be accepted into the work and leadership of the church. This is threatening for some, as they don't want any new ideas . . . sometimes, it is both.

I am reminded of the song, "That Old Time Religion," in which we repeatedly hear the words, "It was good enough for Paul and Silas and it's good enough for me." Certainly the basis of our religion must not change, the basis being God's Word and our belief in Jesus as the Son of God.

However, the "Old Time Religion," as practiced in our parents' time, must keep changing, and can keep current without diluting the basis of our faith. We do make changes in the way we do things; for instance, we now use public address systems so that folks might hear better; we use offering envelopes to more efficiently account for monies; and we have a special time for children to help them understand their importance, etc.

## Be Cautious

There is a caution sign, however, that must be heeded in relation to becoming bigger; we must be careful that we are not growing simply to add numbers to the roll.

Spurt growth, too, has the potential for danger. Large numbers of new converts or transfers can come in when we are not prepared to nurture them, to absorb them into the full life of the church. When one "joins" a church, he or she must be given both the opportunity and challenge of fully involving himself/herself in those ministries which are appropriate for him/her. Examples might be a Sunday School class, the various choirs, a prayer group, attendance at special functions and fellowships, and/or men's or ladies' groups.

## Small and Large Can Fail to Nurture

It is possible for a small church to fail to do these things. Whether small or large, though, it is often the case that we rather expect a newcomer to simply find his place in the life of a congregation. Yet, how can they do this unless and until someone works with him toward this end?

Jane McAvoy affirmed in her article, titled "The Changing Image of Parish Ministry," that ministry is seen as "... one in which the other (any other person being ministered to) is affirmed and valued and invited into partnership in the ongoing journey of faith."<sup>1</sup> Though addressing mainly ordained clergy and elders, this is, nonetheless, applicable to the entire membership of every congregation. Inviting someone to your class,



fellowship, or choir, is a much more certain and accessible avenue for the newcomer's participation than simply hoping he'll somehow become a part of these church functions.

In Paul's letter to the Christians at Rome, he wrote, "But before people can trust in the Lord for help, they must hear about him. And for them to hear about the Lord, someone must tell them. And before someone can go and tell them, he must be sent" (Romans 10:14, *TEB*). Perhaps we could use a paraphrase of this to help us perceive how we can nurture others. It might read, "But before people can know all about the different ministries of our congregation, they must hear about them. And in order for them to hear about them, someone must take the time to go to our new converts and tell them they are welcome to serve in these ministries of our church. And in order for someone to go tell and invite the newcomers for participation, the whole congregation must develop an attitude, and a determination, that newcomers are welcome in the various church ministries."

### Bigger Can Be Better

Many of us have heard the expression, "too big for their britches." Now, the large church has the potential to become too big for its britches, but it does not necessarily follow that simply because church membership becomes large (and large is a matter of definition) it will only have problems and disadvantages and no advantages.

Bigger can be better, because it has the potential for more and varied ministries. When the congregation is larger, the potential for more leadership, teachers, singers, etc., is always present. When there are a number of children, there are younger parents willing to participate in children/youth activities such as junior church, or expanded grading of Sunday School classes, evening youth activities, and choirs for the various age groups and outings that help our children get to know one another better and keep them in a Christian environment.

More people in a congregation will normally result in increased offerings. With those offerings, much can be done to maintain the current facilities, to expand those facilities where appropriate, to provide additional audio-visual equipment and supplies, to do outreach work such as supporting missionaries, or to do local outreach work, such as providing food, clothing and shelter for the needy. However, such increase in church membership should not be an excuse for decreased giving on the part of current members. Use the increased giving to increase the ministries of God's church wherever you are and beyond.

Further, we must not overlook the simple matter of pride. Yes, I know the Scripture says that "Pride goeth before the fall," but that is a reference

to false pride. How justly proud we are when an increasing number of children proceed to the front of the sanctuary for the children's minute. They are cute, to be sure, and they give some fascinating (and sometimes embarrassing) answers. But more importantly, they represent a growing congregation—growing in young parents as well as children. This kind of growth is essential to keep the church alive; it serves the family as an essential part of God's plan as well.

By alive, I mean two things. First, I mean the church will continue to live only when it has younger folks and their children to take our place when we're no longer a part of the scene. But it can also keep the church alive—meaning vibrant, enthusiastic, full of life. During the prayer following the children's minute one Sunday, ethereal sounds of the high notes on the piano were heard. One little tyke had ever so quietly moved over to the piano and hit a few notes. Disturbing? Not at all! How wonderful that God has given us healthy children with inquisitive minds and initiative!

### Conclusion

Perhaps the wrong question is being asked. Instead of "Is bigger (or smaller) really better?", we need to be asking, "Are we doing the will of God regarding the growth of our congregation?"

In his book, *The Growing Congregation*, Paul Benjamin writes, "As a baby brings joy to the home, so those who are new to Christ bring an added sense of joy in the fellowship of believers."

Who can forget the familiar words as found in John: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." Jesus' life was not given for a select few, but for every man, woman and child who would heed His invitation, and it is the mandate of every Christian to "... be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

Whether our congregation is large or small, it is our great privilege and responsibility to carry the gospel to all people ... all the while realizing that there is no greater happiness than for a church to know that it is being used by God to reach out to those who do not know God's limitless love for every creature.

Those who are working diligently to reach people for God have no time to argue over whether or not a church is too large or too small. And we must also remember that "... once we were in darkness, but now we are light in the Lord and that we are to walk as children of light." If we do this, we will share the good news. The result will be that our churches will grow to just the right size—in the Lord.

<sup>1</sup> *Lexington Theological Quarterly*, Vol. 25, Number 3, July 1990, p. 74.

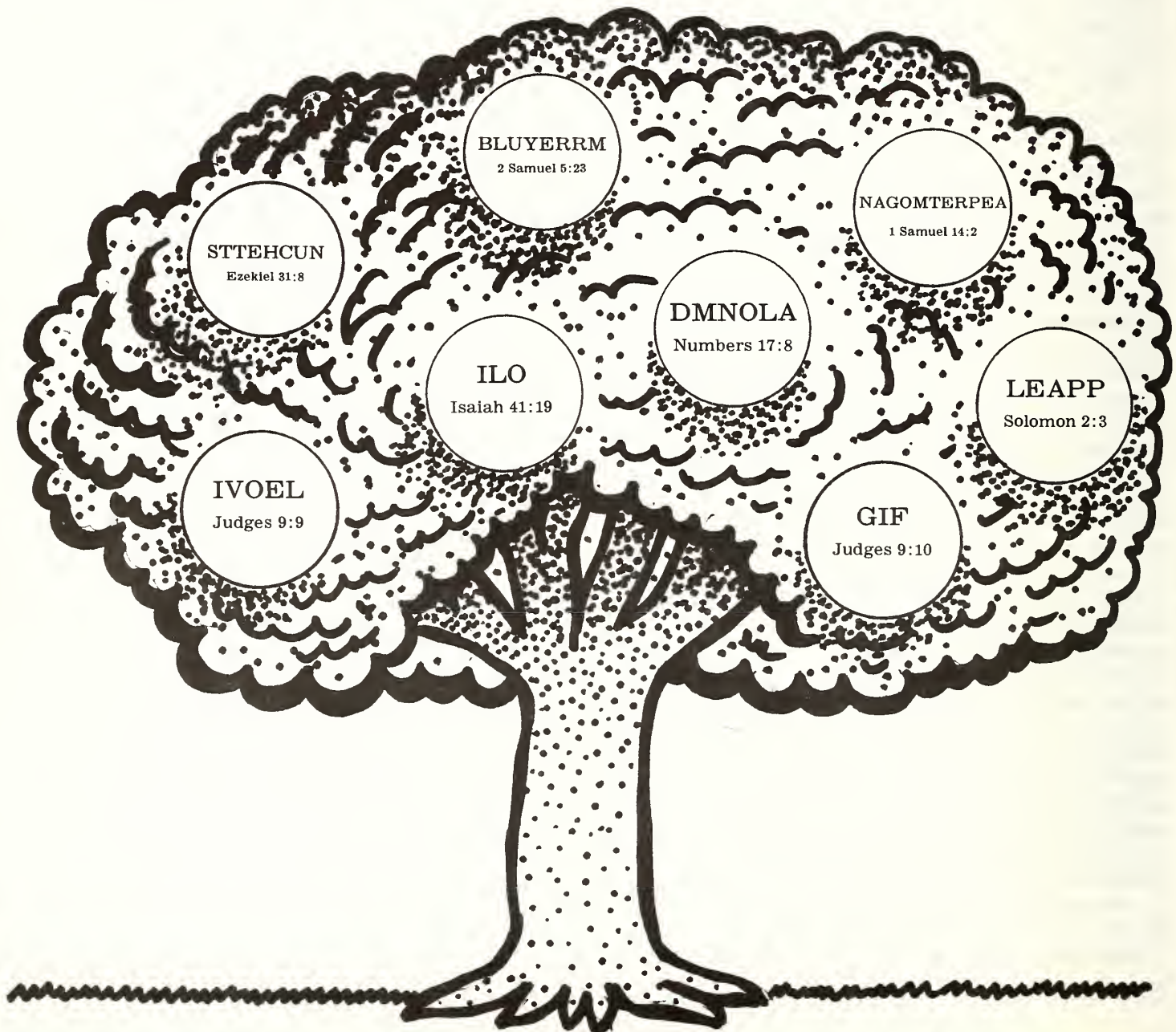


## SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

"When thou shalt besiege a city a long time, in making war against it to take it, thou shalt not destroy the trees thereof by forcing an ax against them: for thou mayest eat of them, and thou shalt not cut them down (for the tree of the field is man's life) to employ them in the siege: Only the trees which thou knowest that they be not trees for meat, thou shalt destroy and cut them down; and thou shalt build bulwarks against the city that maketh war with thee, until it be subdued" (Deuteronomy 20:19-20).

In fighting against their enemies, the Israelites were instructed by God to save the trees that were in their paths. Many of the trees were fruit trees which provided food for the Israelites. God allowed the people to destroy any trees that got in the way of a battle *except* those that produced some type of food.

On each "fruit" on the tree is a scrambled name of a tree that provided some type of food for the Israelites. See if you can unscramble them before finding the verses in which they are found.





compiled by Gary Burbage

## GOSPEL AIRWAVES in U.S.S.R.

The gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ began airing throughout the entirety of the Soviet Union on April 6, 1991, reaching nearly 300 million people.

Reports state that every person in the Soviet Union either has a television set or else has access to one. Soviet television does not have multiple channels to watch as we do here in the States. They have very limited programming available. Most of the Soviet people have never seen a gospel program over television in all of their lives. Officials estimate that the gospel programs being aired will have a viewing audience of at least 100 million people each week.

"For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are

many adversaries" (1 Corinthians 16:9).

JSM NEWSLETTER

## WHO KNOWS?

A recent British poll reported 85% of those questioned call themselves Christians. However, 34% didn't know why they celebrated Good Friday and 39% were unsure of the events that took place on Easter Sunday.

National Review

## NEW FOR NINTENDO

"Bible Adventures," a new video game released by Wisdom Tree, is designed for playing on Nintendo. Reviewers of the game declare it to be a good moral alternative to most video games currently on the market.

Biblical teaching values of the games tend to be extremely elementary. Such titles for the

new games include: "Noah's Ark," "David Meets Goliath," and "Save Baby Moses."

Christian World Report  
June 1991

## "YES" TO GIDEONS

A federal judge in Indiana recently ruled that the constitutional rights of school children are not violated when Gideons offer them free Bibles. The ACLU challenged the Gideons ministry last year in the state of Indiana.

National and International Religion  
Report, 5-20-91

## WHAT IS A BILLION?

A billion seconds ago it was 1951.  
A billion minutes ago, Jesus was alive and walking in Galilee.  
A billion dollars ago was only 10.3 hours in Washington, DC.

Walter Pearson

### Tentative Schedule:

Friday, November 29—8:00  
p.m.—Opening Service  
Saturday, November 30—Morn-  
ing—Bible Study and Music  
Afternoon—Free for Your  
Own Adventures  
Evening—Service  
Sunday, December 1—7:00  
a.m.—Worship Service  
7:45 a.m.—Breakfast  
8:45 a.m.—Homeward Bound

(The early time for Sunday Worship is to enable us to get ahead of the Thanksgiving Holiday traffic as we head for home.)

Mail registration fee and the form below to: Becky Jo Sumner, Route 4, Box 410, Ahoskie, NC 27910.

## CORNERSTONE

Fall Women's Mini Retreat  
Cragmont Assembly,  
Black Mountain, North Carolina  
Friday, November 29, 1991—  
Sunday, December 1, 1991  
(Thanksgiving Weekend)

**COST:** \$10.00 registration  
35.00 Balance Due on Arrival  
\$45.00 Total Cost

(Includes 2 nights, 3 meals on Saturday,  
1 meal on Sunday.)

If you have questions, please call Becky Jo  
Sumner, (919) 332-6810.



### REGISTRATION FOR CORNERSTONE—1991

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

List names of those you want to room with.



## HAPPENINGS

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friends of the church are encouraged to join in the day's activities.

Revival services are scheduled for September 16-19. The Rev. Joseph H. Ingram, pastor of Unity Church, Wilson, will be the guest evangelist. Services will begin nightly at 7:30.

### SPECIAL PHONE SERVICE

There is a truly helpful "1-900" service. By phoning 1-900-454-4522, an individual reaches a legitimate, professionally staffed, counseling service. The first minute is free; each minute thereafter is \$1.95 (per minute). If requested or needed, the caller may set up appointments for an "in office" consultation. This service employs "real" counselors who offer anonymity and privacy, which are important factors to many seeking assistance.

De Wayne Eakes

## HOMECOMING SCHEDULED

Homecoming services will be held at St. Mary's Church, Kenly, on Sunday, September 8. The Rev. Bruce Barrow will be guest speaker at the 11 a.m. worship service. The Watchman Quartet will provide special music during the afternoon service. The pastor, Ray Everton, invites all former members and friends to attend.

### SUTTON CAPTURES FIRST PLACE

When the 1991 State Games of North Carolina concluded, seven year old Jennifer Sutton of Farmville, NC, was among the event's winners. Jennifer won first place in the gymnastics division. She participated in vault, uneven bars, balance beam, and floor performance competitions and emerged victorious.

The North Carolina State Games is a statewide athletic competition for citizens of all ages and skill levels. The competition is designed to facilitate grassroots development of Olympic



Jennifer Sutton

sports in our state, while also providing personal development and growth through physical fitness and sport.

State Games is designed to be a multi-sport festival for North Carolina's amateur athletes. Patterned after the Olympics, the State Games recognizes winners with gold, silver, and bronze medals. The Games are not just for Olympic hopefuls, but also for the recreational athlete. The emphasis is participation for all. The 1991 competition was held in Aberdeen, NC.

Jennifer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Sutton, of Route 2, Farmville. She has one brother, Jonathan. She is the granddaughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sutton.

Jennifer's family attends Marlboro Church in Farmville.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Rev. Larry Barbour has recently assumed the pastorate of Community Church, Weldon. His new address and phone number follow: Box 757, Weldon, NC 27890; (919) 536-4270.

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## GOD AND ME



Cub Scout Gregory Barnes received his God and Me Award on Sunday, July 21, during the morning worship service at St. Mary's Church. It is the first step in the God and Country series of scouting religious awards. With Gregory are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Barnes, of Kenly, and St. Mary's pastor, Ray Everton.



## AMERICA'S YOUTH TURNING CONSERVATIVE

A new Gallup Poll of America's youth commissioned by Fuji Photo USA found the following: 49% call themselves conservative, 39% liberal; 77% favor the death penalty, and 77% also favor random drug testing; 78% say marijuana should remain illegal; 64% favor warning labels about lyrics in perverted rock albums; 70% assert that the world was a better place in their parents' youth. The poll was not widely reported in the media.

From the Right, 1/25/91.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Each square yard of the sun's surface emits constantly an energy level of 130,000 horsepower.
- The average age of conversion to Christianity: 16. To Islam: 31.
- About 70% of all pornographic magazines end up in the hands of children.
- In Sao Paulo, Brazil, air pollution is the leading killer of children under four.
- Cancer kills about 900,000 people a year in China.
- Sport is a \$90 billion a year industry in North America.
- 1.1 billion people earn under \$370 annually.
- 100 new evangelical churches were established in Nicaragua in the first four months of 1990.
- Boy George has joined the Hare Krishnas.
- 13,130 American theaters closed during the depression.
- 40% of couples married between 1970 and 1985 had lived together first.
- Marlboro sold 138.8 billion cigarettes last year.
- The Amazon rainforest is home to 30 percent of the world's plant and animal species.
- The average North American teenager sees 50 R-rated movies a year.

Reprinted from *Servant*, November 1990.

## WANTED: BACKBONE PEOPLE

What our church needs are more people with the right kinds of bones. There are at least four different types around most churches.

### Wishbone People

They hope for, they long for,  
They wish for and sigh;  
They want things to be done  
But aren't willing to try.

### Funnybone People

They laugh, grin, and giggle,  
And twinkle the eye;  
If work were a joke,  
They would give it a try.

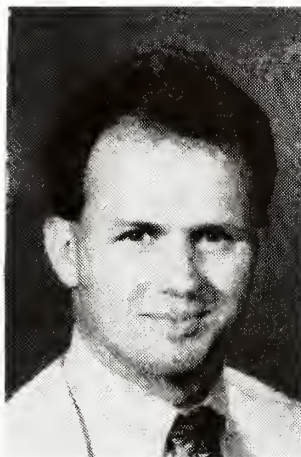
### Jawbone People

They scold, jaw, and sputter;  
They froth, rave, and cry;  
They're long on the talk  
But short on the try.

### Backbone People

They strike from the shoulder,  
They never say die;  
They're the winners in life,  
Since they're willing to try.

Author Unknown



Glenn Mills

## TEEN EXPLOSION Youth Rally

Place: Reedy Branch FWB Church  
Winterville, NC

Time: Saturday, September 28, 1991  
3:00-6:00 p.m.

Speaker: Youth Evangelist, Glenn Mills

Theme: Teens for Christ


Purpose: Teen Involvement

Singers: Kathy Renee and special music  
from Reedy Branch Church

Many years ago there were youth rallies for teenagers. These were services for teens and were done mostly by teens. Teenagers need to be involved in God's work. We hope to start youth rallies on a monthly basis and in many other churches. The rally in September will have singing by teen groups and testimonies by teens as well. The message will deal with teens and the gospel of Christ. There will be an invitation at the altar for those who need to make decisions for Christ. A fellowship hour will follow the service. If you plan on attending, please call Glenn Mills at 746-6924. Together we can make a difference.



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### HOMEcoming SCHEDULED

Homecoming will be held at Friendship Church, Route 3, Middlesex, in the Emit Community, on October 27, 1991.

Sunday School will begin at 10 and the worship service will follow at 11 with the Rev. Ed Miles, a former pastor, bringing the morning message. A memorial service will be held during the morning service.

A picnic lunch will be served in the Education-Fellowship Hall after the worship service.

The pastor, the Rev. Jacky Raper, and members of the church invite former members and friends to attend.

### HOMEcoming, REVIVAL AND DEDICATION PLANNED

Homecoming will take place at Northeast Church, Route 5, Mount Olive, on Sunday, October 6. On Monday, October 7, 7:30 p.m., the Rev. Scott Sowers, of Farmville, will begin a four-night revival. The Farmville minister is pastor of Marlboro Church and serves as president of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

The Farmville minister is no stranger to many of the Northeast people, having served as youth minister at the church in the early seventies while a ministerial student at Mount Olive College. During his work with the youth of the church, many of them were influenced to make first-time decisions for Christ. Today, several of the then youth of the church are leaders and workers in the local church, along with their families. This is the first time the Farmville minister returned to preach at the Northeast Church. The congregation is very excited and looking with expectancy to the engagement.

The local pastor of Northeast, the Rev. A. B. Bryan, was minister at the local church while the scheduled revival speaker was youth minister, moving to

other pastoral work in 1974. He returned in 1985. Mr. Bryan will be completing twelve years with the Northeast Church this October.

The Homecoming Day activity will begin with Phil Holmes, Sunday School superintendent, in charge of the Sunday School at the ten o'clock hour. The adult choir, under the direction of Mrs. Frances Cook, will furnish special music. Mrs. Panice Williams will be in charge of memorializing deceased members. The pastor will deliver the homecoming sermon and direct the processional homecoming and harvest offering.

Lunch will be served at the noon hour in the church's fellowship building. The local church reports another successful church year and will dedicate a new paved parking lot for the fellowship building. The local church also expects to complete a total landscaping and paving project during this church year, at a cost of approximately \$25,000. The Mount Olive Church is in the process of purchasing additional land for a suitable paved and landscaped total parking area. All work is being paid for with local funds as it is done.

The church is located on Northeast Church Road, three-fourths of a mile north of Mount Olive. The church is approximately one and one-half miles from Mount Olive College and enjoys a growing community.

Former members, pastors and friends are invited to share in the special services and to worship with the people in any or all services.

### HOMEcoming SCHEDULED

Moseley's Creek Church will observe its annual Homecoming service on Sunday, October 20. Sunday School will begin at 10 a.m., followed by the morning worship service at 11.

All former pastors, church members, and friends are invited.

### WINTERVILLE CHURCH HAS TEACHER APPRECIATION DINNER

The Sunday School of Winterville Church had a Teacher Appreciation Dinner on September 14. After enjoying a covered-dish dinner, the program was under the direction of the Willing Workers Class. Mike Denton, the superintendent, gave the teachers a certificate of appreciation and asked them to relate any experience they had had as a teacher. All gave interesting accounts of how much they had learned while being involved with the different classes.

As the highlight of the program, Miss Leah McGlohon was chosen as the Special Teacher of the Year by the Willing Workers Class. Mrs. Arlyn Branch gave a brief history of Leah's life. Following her remarks, she asked if any others had comments to add. Three of her family gave humorous happenings from her younger days, along with several of the audience who told of experiences they had enjoyed with her. Usually Leah is involved in all events concerning the church, so it was hard to make plans for this program without her knowledge. She commented at the beginning that she did not know who had invited her family to come and eat. A bulletin board was displayed with pictures and articles that Leah had been responsible for during the last thirty-five years. Leah was presented with a plaque of appreciation to close the program.

### VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Aimee Weathersby was voted Volunteer of the Month by the Resident Council for July 1991. Aimee has been a volunteer at Greenville Villa for two years.

(Turn the Page)





Aimee Weathersby

She is the daughter of Doris and Jack Weathersby of Winterville. She and her family are members of Winterville Church.

Aimee is in the 9th grade at D. H. Conley High School. Her hobbies are swimming, singing and writing. She enjoys volunteering and wants to pursue a career in the medical field, "maybe a doctor or nurse. I haven't decided yet," said Aimee.

Congratulations, Aimee, for being chosen Volunteer of the Month. We are proud to have you as part of our Greenville Villa team.

Sherry Poston, Activity Coordinator

### LADIES IN WHITE

by the Rev. Leon Harris

Out of the backwoods of Black  
Jack they came  
In their suits of faded blue.  
By the look on their determined  
faces,  
You knew what they'd come to do.  
On their bats were carved twelve  
notches;  
One for each team they'd made sit  
down.  
Not a single loss on their record,  
Sure of winning yet another  
round.

Their quiet opponents wore white;  
There were thirteen of them in all.  
And a hush fell over the crowd  
that night,  
When the umpire yelled, "Play  
ball."

The girls in blue scored first,  
Three runs ahead in score;  
And they grinned from ear to ear,  
'Cause they planned to get ten  
more.

Five things passed by quickly,  
The tension and stress, they grew.  
If the Ladies in White didn't do  
something soon,  
Their chances would all be  
through.

From the stands I heard Denise  
holler,  
"You can do it!" to the Ladies in  
White.

Judy and Ann had the bleachers  
waving,  
Delano's hot dog had run out of  
bites.

Billy Coggins was shouting at the  
umpire,  
Something about how he couldn't  
see.

Mike and Hubert were holding  
their breath,  
Willie was bent over so he COULD  
see.

It's one run down in the sixth,  
And to the bat stepped our right  
fielder Kay;  
When the ball came in across the  
plate,  
Our Lady in White made her pay.

The ball, it left the bat quickly,  
Falling just inside the line;  
With the tying run on and nobody  
out,

Black Jack had started to whine.  
Two more batters came to the  
plate.

To third moved our Lady in White.  
Now batting was Cindy Wadford,  
And she put that ball in full flight.

Tied at the end of that inning,  
Only one more chance to win.  
But Black Jack scored yet an-  
other run,  
And we were one run behind  
again.

Now it's the bottom of the  
seventh,  
But three outs from a finished  
game.

Could we come from behind and  
win it,  
Or would we walk away in  
shame?

I saw tears in her eyes when she  
picked up the bat,  
Tracy wanted for her team to  
win;

And when the crack of her bat was  
finished,

To third she came sliding in.  
Cindy hit a pretty one;  
Hazel she did the same;





Tracey scored from third;  
The Ladies in White had tied up  
the game.

Now the bases all were loaded;  
Katrina's turn to bat.  
The coach called time out;  
It was urgent that we have a chat.

I asked her to hit it hard,  
Out of the infield and the win we  
had.

But the pitcher was afraid of our  
Lady in White;  
Three balls: her pitches were bad.

Like a moment frozen in memory,  
When the ball came finally in  
right,

The hit soared over all out-  
stretched gloves,  
Meaning victory to the Ladies in  
White.

There's a message in our story,  
For those girls in their faded blue:  
When they took the field against  
our Ladies in White,  
They were biting off more than  
they'd chew!

#### **PASTOR SOUGHT**

Sidney Church is seeking a man  
of God with the calling of a pastor.  
Qualified candidates interested in  
this office should send a letter of  
application and a resume to: Ed-  
ward Clayton, Route 2, Box 6420,  
Belhaven, NC 27810.

#### **PINE LEVEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY**

On September 4, 1991, the  
deacons and deacons' wives of  
Pine Level Church hosted a sur-  
prise pig pickin for Pastor Donald  
Coates and his family, celebrating  
their 10th year anniversary with  
the church.

The preacher and his family  
were given several gifts by  
various groups of the church. The  
deacons and their wives gave the  
preacher a silver tray with his ini-  
tial on it. The church, as a group,  
gave them a new Bible. The  
Young Adult Sunday School Class  
gave the preacher a \$100 gift cer-  
tificate to Woodall's Department  
Store. The preacher's family

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received balloon bouquets and the  
ladies of the family received cor-  
sages.

Approximately 115 people at-  
tended the celebration. Various

members of the church prepared  
the food; and needless to say, this  
was one time we kept a secret  
from the preacher!

#### **WINTERVILLE CHURCH TO OBSERVE HOMECOMING**

Winterville Church will have its  
annual Homecoming service on  
Sunday, October 13. The Rev.  
Harold Jones will be the guest  
speaker. Lunch will follow in the  
Fellowship Hall. A singspiration  
will be held in the afternoon  
featuring local talent; there will  
not be an evening service.  
Everyone is invited to attend.

#### **FARMVILLE CHURCH SCHEDULES SPECIAL SERVICES**

The congregation and pastor of  
Marlboro Church, Farmville, cor-  
dially invite everyone to join them  
for their fall revival services and  
homecoming.

The series of revival services  
will begin on Sunday evening, Oc-  
tober 20, and continue through  
Wednesday, October 23. The Rev.  
Frank Flowers, pastor of Little  
Creek Church, Scuffleton, will be  
the guest evangelist. Special  
music will be featured each night  
and the services will begin at 7 on  
Sunday and 7:30 the remaining  
evenings.

The church's annual Homecom-  
ing celebration will be held on Oc-  
tober 27. The day's activities will  
start with Sunday School at 9:45  
a.m. The morning worship ser-  
vice will begin at 11 and will in-  
clude a variety of uplifting music,  
and an inspiring sermon by the  
pastor. Lunch will be served dur-  
ing the noon hour. A memorial  
service and singspiration will  
follow.

The Rev. W. Scott Sowers  
serves as pastor of Marlboro  
Church.

#### **SPECIAL NOTICE**

Due to his withdrawal from the  
Conference, the Rev. Don Kivett  
is no longer in good standing with  
the Piedmont Conference.

#### **REVIVAL PLANNED**

Friendship Church, Farmville,  
has scheduled a series of revival  
series for October 14-18. The Rev.  
Tommy Tyson will serve as the  
guest evangelist. Services will  
begin nightly at 7:30.

The Rev. Walter Reynolds,  
pastor, and the church congrega-  
tion cordially invite everyone to  
attend.



## MARLBORO CHURCH HONORS LEADERS OF CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

by Gordon Turner

Leaders of the Children's Worship Program of Marlboro Church were honored Sunday night, August 18, when the church's Bible Outreach Class presented the children's group with a plaque marking its first anniversary.

The Rev. Scott Sowers, pastor, briefly gave the history and purpose of the unique program planned especially for the children of the church.

"The purpose," he explained, "is to provide a worship experience for pre-school age children that will help them become involved in the worship of God through music, prayer, listening, learning, giving, and participating in a service of worship at their level of understanding."

The children's worship is held each Sunday in the children's building at the same time the regular worship service is held in the sanctuary.

Judy Shirley, director, outlined a typical worship program for the children. She described it as a "miniature worship service."

Highlights of each service include: A "greeting" period opens each service and visitors are introduced. The welcome, announcements, and special instructions are then given, followed by the opening prayer and a song.

The offering gives the children an opportunity "to worship God by giving," Mrs. Shirley explained. This is followed by "giving God thanks for the offering" and the singing of the Doxology.

Another song follows and "prayer time" gives each child an opportunity to share those things they wish to pray about.

"Special music" gives the individual a chance to sing, alone or in special groups. "The message" teaches the children a Bible lesson. A significant closing ceremony concludes the service.



The Rev. W. Scott Sowers reads the inscription of the plaque to Mrs. Judy Shirley, Children's Worship Director.

During the program, three songs were presented by the children, directed by Dean Chappellear. Beth Meeks presented a solo and Kim Garner read the poem, "God's Lent Child."

Members of the congregation who have worked in the program during the first year were introduced by Mr. Sowers as follows: Judy Shirley, Jerry Barnes, Margaret and David May, Beth Grant, Diane Hudson, Nancy Cale, Sheryl and Joseph Sutton, Wallace Garner, Dean Chappellear, Lynn Watson, Heather Shirley, Kim Garner, Janie Sowers, Kristen Kennedy and Jeanette Parker.

Given by the Outreach Class, the plaque was presented by the pastor as the concluding event on the program.

Following the service, a reception was held in the fellowship wing. Refreshments, including "homemade" ice cream, were served.

The celebration of Children's Worship at Marlboro Church was planned and carried out by the Outreach Sunday School Class. Members include Otha Joyner, Helen Harrison, Jerry Barnes, Ann Pridgen, Margaret May,

David May, Sammy Barnes, and Carol Joyner.

## TEE'S CHAPEL PRESENTS PINS

On Sunday morning, September 1, Tee's Chapel Sunday School Superintendent Monty Allen and Assistant Superintendent Benny Edwards presented perfect attendance pins to 20 people.

First year pin to Glenn Grant and Joe Ranucci

Third Year Pin to Mildred Moore and Pat Ranucci.

Fourth Year Pin to Vickie Wall

Fifth Year Pin to D. J. Smith and Nicholas Wall

Sixth Year Pin to Kate Godwin

Seventh Year Pin to Jason Edwards and Geneva Edwards.

Eighth Year Pin to Robert Edwards and Curtis Edwards

Ninth Year Pin to Rayford Twigg and Carol Twigg

Tenth Year Pin to Jamie Woodall

Eleventh Year Pin to Doug Wall

Thirteenth Year Pin to Windy Matthews

Seventeenth Year Pin to Raymond Godwin

Twenty-Fourth Year Pin to Frankie Norris

Twenty-Seventh Year Pin to David Matthews

The pastor, Dennis Pollock, and church people commend these people for their dedication to their church and Sunday School.

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### PEE DEE WOMEN TO MEET

The Pee Dee District Woman's Auxiliary Convention will meet with Cypress Creek Church on October 5. The day's theme will be "Hold Fast to Your Profession," with Hebrews 4:14-16 as the Theme Scripture.

The day's schedule is as follows:

Hymn, "Stand Up for Jesus"  
Devotions, Patty Long  
Welcome, Virginia Taylor  
Response, Brenda McPherson  
Business  
Song  
Offering  
President's Remarks  
Special Music  
Chairmen's Reports  
Message, Carolyn Jernigan

### ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE APPROACHING

The Albemarle Conference will convene for its 1991 session at Free Union Church on October 9. The session will begin at 9:30 a.m.

All churches and pastors should plan to attend the Conference.

### CAPE FEAR

#### AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Cape Fear Woman's Auxiliary Convention will meet on Wednesday, October 9, at Yelverton's Grove Church. The theme of the Convention is "The Lord Is Our Shepherd." 1 Peter 5:4 will serve as the theme Scripture.

The Convention schedule is as follows:

#### Morning Session

9:30—Registration  
10:00—Hymn 480, "Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us"  
—Devotions, Linda Baker  
—Welcome, Host Church  
—Response, Carolyn Allen  
—Greetings, Linda Jackson, President  
—Hymn 374, "The Lord Is My Shepherd"

#### Business Session

—Shepherds of the Flock of All Enterprises (Slide Show), the Rev. C. H. Overman

### Morning Worship

11:15—Hymn 219, "He Leadeth Me"  
—Offering  
—Special Music, Phyllis and Tracy McLamb  
—Convention Message, the Rev. Fred Baker  
—Hymn 393, "Where He Leads Me"

12:00—Lunch

### Afternoon Session

1:00—Hymn 401, "Where He Leads I'll Follow"  
—Life Membership Award  
1:20—Miscellaneous Business  
—Hymn 472, "All The Way My Saviour Leads Me"  
2:00—Adjournment

### ALBEMARLE WOMEN TO MEET

The Albemarle District Woman's Auxiliary Convention will meet with Trinity Church, Pantego, on October 12. The theme for the Convention will be "Restoring the Joy," with Psalm 51:12 serving as the Convention Scripture. The planned schedule is as follows:

#### MORNING SESSION

9:45—Registration  
10:00—Hymn, "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart"  
—Devotion  
10:15—Welcome, Elizabeth Harris  
—Response, Shiloh Church  
—President's Greetings, Eunice Sexton  
—Recognition of Ministers and Visitors  
—Appointment of Committees  
10:30—Reading of Minutes, Cheryl Williams, secretary  
—Roll Call of Auxiliaries  
10:45—Ministries Slide Show, the Rev. C. H. Overman  
—Offering for Missions  
—Hymn, "Peace Like a River"  
—Offering for Children's Home  
11:25—Special Music, Host Church  
11:30—Sharing the Joy

12:00—Blessing  
—Lunch

### AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00—Special Music, Host Church  
—Memorial Service  
1:15—Youth Report  
—Committee Reports  
1:30—Cragmont Skit  
—Woman of the Year Award  
1:50—Announcement of Next Convention  
—Miscellaneous Business  
—Hymn, "There's a New Song in My Heart"  
—Adjournment  
—Benediction

### EASTERN CONFERENCE TO MEET IN DAVIS

The Ninety-sixth Annual Session of the Eastern Conference will convene with Davis Church, October 23-24. The 1991-92 theme will be "Hear the Word of the Lord Concerning Christian Outreach."

Following is the Conference schedule:

#### Wednesday Morning

9:00—Registration  
10:00—Devotions, the Rev. Craig Simmons  
10:05—Conference Called to Order, Conference Clerk  
—Welcome to Davis Church, Host Church  
—Response, the Rev. David Thick  
10:15—Moderator's Address, the Rev. Adrian Grubbs  
10:25—Partial Report of Credentials Committee  
—Recognize and Welcome Visitors  
—Appointment of Committees  
10:50—Denominational Ministries Report, the Rev. C. H. Overman  
11:10—Morning Worship  
—Hymn and Worship Offering  
—Sermon, the Rev. David Vesper

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## SCENES FROM THE 1991 SUNDAY SCHOOL BANQUET FOR THE FAMILY

12:00—Lunch and Fellowship

### Wednesday Afternoon

- 1:30—Memorial Service,  
Memorial Committee
- 1:40—Camp Vandemere Report,  
the Rev. Ralph Sumner,  
Manager
- 1:50—Eastern Conference Mis-  
sions Report, the Rev.  
Harry Jones
- 2:00—Eastern District Auxiliary  
Report
- 2:05—Committee Reports
  - Digest
  - Treasurer
- 2:15—Miscellaneous Business
- 2:30—Recess

### Wednesday Evening

- 7:30—Camp Vandemere and  
Eastern Conference Mis-  
sions Program

### Thursday Morning

- 9:30—Registration (for those not  
already registered)
- 10:00—Devotions, Thomas W.  
Ricks
- 10:05—Read and Approve  
Minutes of Previous Day
- 10:25—Executive Committee Re-  
port, Conference Clerk
  - Examining Board Report
- 10:35—Committee Reports
  - Resolutions
  - Nominating
  - Credentials
- 11:00—Final Business Session
- 11:10—Morning Worship, Mini-  
sterial Examining Board
  - Sermon
- 12:00—Lunch and Fellowship

### Conference Officers

Moderator, the Rev. Adrian  
Grubbs  
Assistant Moderator, the Rev.  
Walter Sutton  
Clerk, the Rev. Jeff Daughtry  
Assistant Clerk, Mrs. Lexa Upton  
Treasurer, Mr. J. T. Wilson

### CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE

The Cape Fear Conference will  
meet on Thursday, October 31, at  
Pleasant Grove Church, Ervin.



Recognized during the Banquet were (left to right) John David Williford, Lee's Chapel Church, Superintendent of the Year; Kay Brown, Little Rock Church, Teacher of the Year for youth; and Eddie Joyner, Little Rock Church, Teacher of the Year for Adults. Also honored was Mrs. Hazel Casey, Teacher of the Year for Children. Mrs. Casey is from First Church, Goldsboro.



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- Education
- Love
- Spiritual guidance
- A chance to develop to their God-given ability

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### FRIEND OF CHILDREN

Membership in the Friends of Children program is achieved with a monthly gift of \$20 or more to the Free Will Baptist Children's Home.

Membership provides you an opportunity to become partners and share in a sense of satisfaction with other concerned friends in ensuring the on-going ministry of "a Christian home for boys and girls."

There are three levels of monthly giving recognized within the membership of the Friends of Children program. You may choose the category which matches your resources and interest.

Cornerstone Members: \$100 plus

Foundation Members: \$40 - \$99

Friends: \$20 - \$39

## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- An attractive Friends of Children award
- Monthly news note of current activities
- Invitation to Friends of Children Appreciation Day and other special events
- Personal tours of the campus
- Annual report of your giving
- Partnership with other Friends supporting their child care ministry
- Personal satisfaction of reaching out beyond yourself and sharing your resources with children
- You are giving hope and a future to a child



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Because of my/our concern, commitment and support to children, and the Child Care Ministry of Original Free Will Baptists, I/we will become Friends of Children at the following level:

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☐ Foundation Member

☐ Friends

Name (Person/s or Group) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed you will find my first gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ I plan to begin \_\_\_\_\_

Please print your name exactly as you wish it to appear on the award. Normally you will receive your award by mail within 30 days.



## WILSON, FIRST, WOMAN'S AUXILIARY IS A FRIEND OF CHILDREN



Mrs. Eunice Boykin, president of the Woman's Auxiliary at Wilson, First Church, is pictured receiving a Friends of Children plaque from Dr. Bobby R. Taylor, executive director of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home.

The Friends of Children program began in February 1985. Since then, individuals, families, businesses, youth groups, auxiliaries, Layman's Leagues, and Sunday School classes have become special friends by reaching out beyond themselves and sharing their resources with boys and girls.

Friends of Children are individuals who have a concern and commitment for children and the ministry to children. They are ensuring the future of children and giving them a chance to succeed in their endeavors.

Friends of Children are very important people and they are rewarded as such. Members receive a personalized plaque that identifies them as participants and monthly news notes that inform them of current events and activities at the Home. Members are also invited to special events.

Friends of Children share a monthly gift of \$20 or more to the Children's Home for the care of children. You may become a

Friends of Children participant and make a difference in the lives of children by contacting the Children's Home at Box 249, Middlesex, NC 27557; (919) 235-2161.

## FREE WILL BAPTISTS IN THE PHILIPPINES AGAINST LOTTERY, DRUG ABUSE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESTRUCTION

by the Rev. Diosdado B. Guian

According to Edmund Burke, "Evil triumphs when good men do nothing."

Reading *The Free Will Baptist* magazine, issued July 1991, I came across United States Senator Marc Basnight's statement: "I am against the lottery and will vote against it, if it is presented to the people . . . It will be up to politically active conservative Christians to defeat the lottery when it's time to vote."

Why do top government officials allow gambling, considering that it is the root of many evils like theft, robbery, the breaking up of families, lying, cheating, laziness, perversion of children, superstitious belief, financial ruin

## DRUG USERS RETURN TO GOD

by the Rev. L. Malinao



We praise God for what He has done in the city of Cebu. Just recently, the Good News Broadcast Ministries Philippines, Inc., sponsored a seminar called "BALIK SA DIOS," which means "Return to God." We had about 40 delegates recruited from our area, young people who had been involved in stealing, alcohol, and drugs for a long time. When they attended the four-day seminar, many were delivered by God from their sinful activities. Out of 40 delegates, 17 are now active in our Bible Study, Sunday Worship service, and others are in extra activities.

Friends, I ask you to pray for them as they minister to their people, or the people of God.

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and economic downfall?

In Puerto Princesa City (Philippines), a movement for the banning of Lotto was organized and I was elected vice chairman. MOBAL, acronym for the Movement for the Banning of Lotto, is composed of pastors, Christian leaders, clergy and laity, and other religious organizations and groups who believe that gambling can do more harm than good in any society.

MOBAL gained the support of Christians and other cause-oriented groups. In a period of time, we formed a Movement for a Better Palawan to include our united stand against environmental destruction.

Following is the essence of one of Mr. Guian's speeches given at one of our prayer rallies:

My beloved province mates, I feel very much honored tonight to see you join this prayer rally, in full support for the noble objective of Movement for Better Palawan. It is a sacred obligation and the responsibility of pastors, Christian leaders, churches and members alike, who know the truth in today's generation, to proclaim to all nations, that a nation without self knowledge of the truth is

without hope. The Bible declares, "The truth shall make you free."

Tonight, allow me to bring to you some of the reasons why we should unitedly stand against the operation of the small town lottery in our city, province, and even in our country.

1. Lotto is a kick-in-the-face to the moral regeneration program of the government.

2. Lotto has created several problems like cheating, lying, laziness, weakening and break up of family relationships, and economic ruins.

3. Lotto's operation, in a very short period of time in the city of Puerto Princesa, has taught children to gamble with their allowances; and many teachers, and some government officials, act as collectors and become superstitious.

4. Lotto distorts and weakens our remaining desirable fundamental values, which have been instrumental in holding us together as a nation, despite the multifarious problems pressing us from every side.

MOBAL and Movement for Better Palawan also condemn the wanton destruction of our rich natural resources and all forms of illegal transactions.

Beloved, stand with us, and be counted; by so doing, Palawan will never be the same again. We can look to God and affirm that in other places people are dying; but praise be unto God and our Lord Jesus Christ that in Palawan people are being born again!

## HE REMAINS FAITHFUL

by Mrs. Luz dela Rosa

Great is the Lord; He's worthy to be praised!

Last June 12, Palawan Bible College opened its dormitories so that students could be accommodated. June 13-14, we had our enrollment and we are blessed to have nine freshmen students. These students were recommended by our local pastors. There were seventeen applicants; but because of the size of our dormitories, we are able to accommodate only eight students. We have 13 sophomore students, 4 junior students, and ten senior students.

The college, through the Lord's guidance, has two satellite schools, one of which is Cebu satellite school, where four students are assigned, two are juniors and the other two are senior students. In the Bicol satellite, we have two students; both are in their senior years. All of them are excited to share God's Word to that part of the country.

The main goal of the students being sent to Cebu and Bicol is to open up churches. They are under the BBE program. The other BBE students are assigned in new work here in Palawan. They have the same program. They will stay two weeks on the campus, or their training center, and two weeks in the field. This should be an exciting work for our Almighty God and for all of us.

Another blessing that the college received is that we have eleven members of the faculty and staff. Mrs. Luzviminda Manlangit graduated last year and she joined the college family this year. Jonna Magarce and Pastor Fidel Presto also joined the college family. Miss Marilyn Dalabajan, a faculty member, willingly volunteered to go to Bicol to help Pastor Antonio Sandrino in teaching the students assigned in Bicol. Pastor Diosdado Manzano, a Sunday

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School director, will also teach in Cebu. He will help the Rev. Ludgerio Malinao in teaching the students there.

Pray that God would continue to use us to be more effective in teaching and guiding the students in the way God wants them to be. And do pray for the students' adjustments. Let us all support them with prayer.

### **GOD PROVIDES**

by Cerelina S. Cababaro

Does God really provide? How can we determine that God supplies our needs?

When God established the Palawan Bible College, our library started with just a few books. At first, we occupied a small room in the school building. Then in 1985, it was transferred to one of the rooms in the first floor of the national building.

Due to the increasing number of students, more books and class rooms were needed. God moved His children to construct a new school building. The first floor was set for three classrooms and the second floor was intended for the library. By the year 1987, it was completed. And God provided new facilities in the library, such as: carrels, study table, circulation desk, card catalog cabinet, bookshelves, and library personnel.

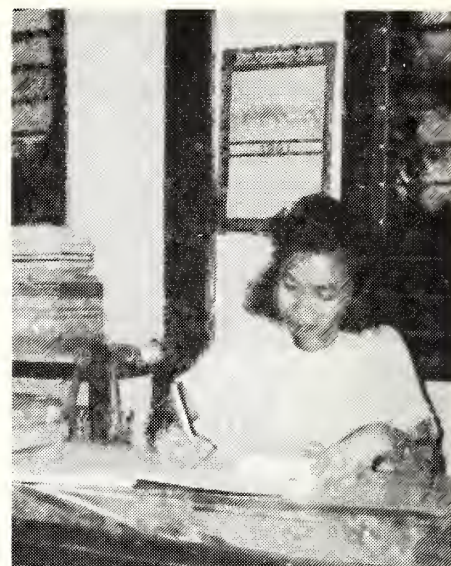
God also provided books and other literature through the

endeavour of our missionaries: The Rev. Willem van der Plas, the Rev. Fred P. Baker, and the Rev. Paul Grubbs challenged our brethren in North Carolina to donate books and other needed support system items for the school.

Last school year, God provided new double bookshelves for General Circulation. It was Bro. Manlangit and Bro. Erandio who painted the inside wall of the library.

Though our library already had 4,118 books, we needed more volumes and reference books. Then God provided by sending the M/V Doulos, the largest floating bookshop that travels around the world here in Palawan. Many people benefitted, both from buying books and attending seminars on board. We bought fifteen reference books, worth \$7,070 for the library.

Yes, God really provides. He provides resource persons who committed their lives to work and help in developing our library. He also provided resource materials for the benefit of our students and pastors as well. We can rest assured that God really provides. We should count His blessings and His promises. "Our God will supply all our needs according to His riches in glory by Jesus Christ" (Philippians 4:10).



### **CHALLENGES FOR REVIVAL**

by Willem van der Plas

Revival can be prepared for in two ways:

1. A passive waiting until a good feeling comes over us: waiting, wailing, whimpering and woeing.
2. As an ACTIVITY of revision, recoding, confession, repentance, meditation and prayer, moving and removing into God's will.

Revision takes place when we diagnose our errors and become willing to correct them.

Recoding is a matter of self-evaluation, self-research and sincere survey of ourself and of our church. Questions for recoding can be: Do all the believers understand one another? Do all the members understand the language of the church? Do all the members know and understand the goals and the objectives of the church? Do all the members have the opportunity to participate in the church activities, according to their gifts? In recoding are also reformulation and reinterpretation. Regularly we need to reformulate and to reinterpret our goals, objectives and policies, so that everybody can understand what we are talking about in the meetings. When new members are not understanding the terms, they will do one of two things: They try to understand, or they leave. What do we want them to do?



God will never revive a passive uninterested church; see Revelation 3:16. But in our self-examination, He will answer our confessions, our prayers, our meditations. He will revitalize us (or vitalize us for the first time) with the power of His Spirit, which overcomes our weaknesses. Every day is time to prepare for revival! Revival takes place only in churches where people are active in obedient love to God; and God in His love allows us to make mistakes.

True revival will radiate from the inside towards the total outside environment of the church. True revival becomes visible!

I know three reasons why people do not respond to revival and to God's Spirit:

1. They do not want to leave evil; they are slaves of sin.
2. They are not genuinely interested in living for the Lord; they are selfish.
3. The witnessing believers have not enough patience to lead them into worship and service.

Revival is not a temporary good feeling; but it is a visible change in Christians who respond to the Holy Spirit. Revival results in actions of the believers. The fearful become fearless; those who are enslaved to themselves and to evil become free and bold; hatred changes into love.

To prepare for revival is to ask God to correct us, to know our mistakes and errors, to submit ourselves to the Lord and to let Him control us, to pray the Lord to set us to work, even to let us do the impossible in the world where we live, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Then God will show the miracles of the power of His love. The traces of former great revivals are still visible and the works of the revived are still known over the decades and the hundreds of years.

One of the main marks I can see is the personal maturation of the revived believers, the spiritual growth made their churches influential in their world; great

things have been done in the power of the Holy Spirit. God is not interested in whimpering, wailing Christians; He looks for people who want to worship Him and who are prepared to serve Him in His world. "The yes-but Christians" will not do it; they are spoiled and oversatisfied with their earthly desires. God will regenerate those who prepare themselves to follow Jesus.

How do we follow Jesus?  
Know through the Scriptures and

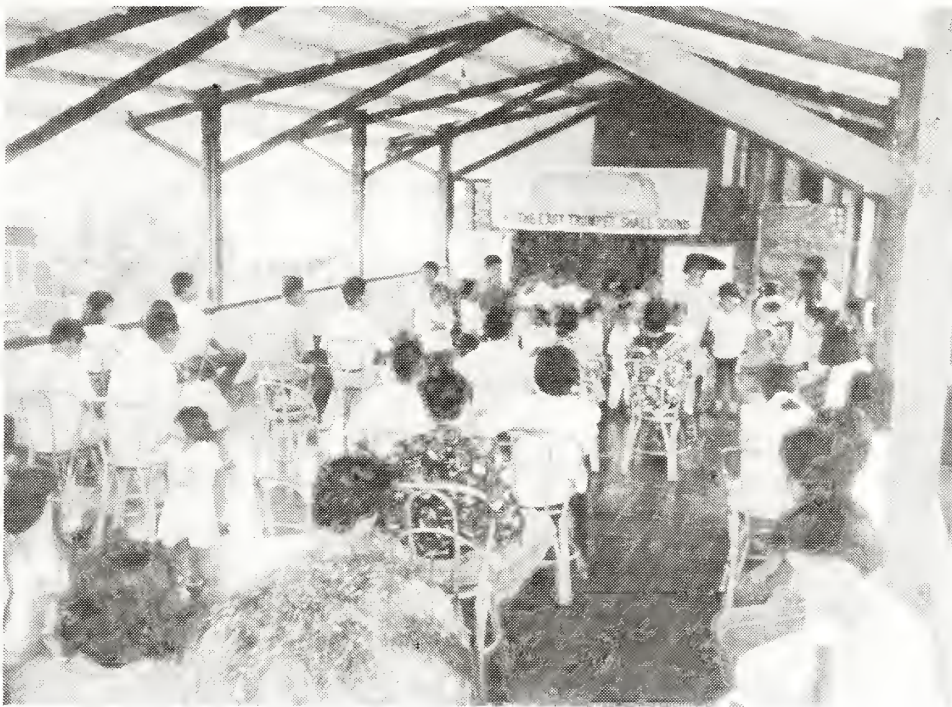
discover His actions:

He used His feet and went around doing good.  
He used His knees and was praying in the silence of the mountaintop.  
He used His ears and listened attentively to those who suffered.  
He used His eyes and looked where He could heal, feed and comfort.  
He used His voice to teach, to encourage, to warn and to bless.  
He used His hands in faithfulness to touch and to lift up.

Please read Philippians 4:8-23.

## HOUSE TO SHOP TO SESSION HALL IN WORSHIPING THE LORD

by the Rev. L. Malinao



The work of the Free Will Baptist Church Philippines, Inc., in the Queen City of Cebu, is two years old now. On September 10, 1989, we began our first Sunday House Worship/Fellowship with 10 people. From then on, the congregation sought the will of the Father to have a bigger place of worship. God answered our prayer because the owner allowed us to use his shop, called "WoodCraft Industries," for worship.

Because the Lord added more souls, the congregation began to pray every morning, seeking God and asking God for a bigger place.

After constant prayer, the Lord led us, through the Holy Spirit, to convince Attorney Francisco Remotigue, a former Governor of Cebu, to rent his place. (By the way, his property is on sale now.) He said if someone buys it, we have to move out, but if we buy it, that would be good. So we rented the place, with the help of our Mission Department. We had the first Worship Service, last July 12, in the Session Hall. This hall can accommodate 1,000 people.

We praise the Lord for it, because He provides the place. Now we enjoy praising God, with the average of 70 in attendance every Sunday Worship service.



## CHRIST CHURCH IN READINESS

by Dr. E. M. Lall

I am extremely grateful to God that the Christ Church, Bareilly Cantonment, built in 1838 and was lying abandoned under the charge of the Church of North India, formerly the church of England, is now the property of the Free Will Baptist Church in India. I showed this sanctuary to the Rev. Harold Jones back in 1984 and was in negotiation with the diocese of Agra, which finally was given to us.

It is a huge building, of ancient design, having an appurtenance vacant land of 6 acres, which can meet all the needs of the church for the present as well as for the future.

This property was in a most dilapidated condition and would have fallen down in a year or two had it not been taken care of by our church. My manifold thanks go to the Rev. Harold Jones, director-treasurer of our Board of Foreign Missions, for a quick response in raising funds for repairs and renovation of this property. We had the funds for electrification and fans, replacing of doors and windows, renovation of the building, installation of pipelines and renovation of toilet, repairs and caning of benches and the supply of altar, altar chairs, and ten more benches. A sum of \$6,817.85 has also been received for the boundary walls. I am glad to report that the work of extensive repairs and renovation of Christ Church, which started on January 23, 1989, has now been totally completed in all respect as detailed below:

The entire portico has been overhauled, including replacement of old tiles into G.I. sheets. This portion used to leak badly and was in a ruined condition. It now looks new. The entire huge walls, pillars, and the roof from inside and outside, were scraped to the brick and were replastered with fine coarse sand and cement

in the ratio of 1:3. The wooden planks of the roof were replaced with new ones. All new doors and windows have been fitted in; electrification was restored; fixing up 12 ceiling fans; tube lights have been fitted in; and the entire renovation of the building, inside as well outside, has been completed. The 21 old benches lying in the church building were repaired and caned. Supply altar, altar chairs, and 20 more benches, instead of 10, were bought and placed in the wings of the church building. Installation of pipelines and the renovation of an old toilet are still to be done, on receipt of permission and connection with the state authorities. We have the funds for this work. There was enough dampness around the entire church building, since its roof used to be leaking before it was thoroughly repaired and renovated. With a desire to keep the building intact for another 100 years, an appren was made with bricks, coarse sand, and the cement, which is additional to the above jobs, around the whole sanctuary.

The front boundary wall has been erected on the old foundation, with one huge iron gate in front of the sanctuary. A road from this gate to the main church entrance is also being constructed. Forty new trees have been planted.

The local congregation of Bareilly has provided a church bell, mattings and rugs, the sound system, altar cushions, chairs and a bench. Some people in the congregation gave chandeliers, ceiling fans for the pastor's office and study room, which has also been completely renovated. The flooring of the altar was done and it was entirely renovated, with a shutter gate joining the altar to be used as vestry. Many things were done to make the church new.

Now it is a most ancient and beautiful church in a most ideal place in the city at Bareilly.

## 1991 SCHEDULE OF MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE DINNERS

*Lenoir County*, Saturday, October 5, 7 p.m., Lenoir County Shrine Club, Kinston, Stanley Jenkins and Dean Rouse, Co-Chairmen. Goal: \$16,200.

*Jones County*, Monday, October 7, 7 p.m.; King's Restaurant, Kinston, Mildred Jenkins, Chairman. Goal: \$3,400.

*Edgecombe County*, Tuesday, October 8, 7 p.m., Edgewood Church, near Macclesfield, Luther Bissette, Chairman. Goal: \$6,400.

*Beaufort County*, Saturday, October 12, 7 p.m., Beaufort County Community College (Learning Resource Center), near Washington, Billy Gurkin, Chairman. Goal: \$12,000.

*Greene County*, Monday, October 14, 7 p.m., West Greene School, Snow Hill, Lena Walston and Randy Beaman, Co-Chairmen. Goal: \$20,900.

*Onslow-Brunswick Counties*, Monday, October 21, 7 p.m., Dixon High School, near Folkstone, Ronnie Parker, Chairman. Goal: \$4,750.

*Nash County*, Tuesday, October 22, 7 p.m., Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, John R. Manning, Chairman. Goal: \$9,900.

*Pamlico County*, Saturday, October 26, 6 p.m., Camp Vandemere, Vandemere, Carol Prescott, Chairman. Goal: \$8,225.

*Wayne County*, Tuesday, October 29, 7 p.m., College Hall, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, Tempie Jones, Chairman. Goal: \$52,350.

*Duplin County*, Saturday, November 2, 6 p.m., East Duplin High School, near Beulaville, William D. Thigpen, Chairman. Goal: \$13,100.

*Johnston-Wake Counties*, Monday, November 4, 7 p.m., Everett Chapel Church, Spiritual Life Building, Clayton, V. T. Craddock, Chairman. Goal: \$41,250.



*Craven County*, Thursday, November 7, 7 p.m., West Craven Middle School, near New Bern, Marice DeBruhl, Chairman. Goal: \$19,550.

*Carteret County*, Saturday, November 9, 6 p.m., West Carteret High School, Morehead City, Reginald Styron and Nathan Garner, Co-Chairmen. Goal: \$19,800.

*Pitt County*, Tuesday, November 12, 7 p.m., D. H. Conley High School, near Winterville, Tim Tyndall, Chairman. Goal: \$29,350.

*Washington-Martin-Tyrrell Counties*, Thursday, November 14, 7:30 p.m., Washington County Union School, Roper, David Cahoon, Chairman. Goal: \$9,950.

*Wilson County*, Monday, November 18, 7 p.m., Beddingfield High School, near Wilson, James B. Hunt, Chairman. Goal: \$36,000.

*Sampson-Harnett-Cumberland Counties*, Thursday, November 21, 7 p.m. Clinton-Sampson Agri-Civic Center, Clinton, C. Felton Godwin and Lee Morton Jernigan, Co-Chairmen. Goal: \$20,875.

**MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE  
FALL CONVOCATION:  
NIDO QUBEIN'S CHALLENGE –  
IDENTIFICATION,  
MASTERY, FOCUS**

Dr. Pepper Worthington  
Writer-in-Residence  
Mount Olive College

"If there is one thing I have learned over the last twenty years, it's this: No one thing makes you or me successful. The magic is in the mix," said Nido R. Qubein, speaker for the 1991 Fall Convocation at Mount Olive College.

"To succeed you must have common sense, a commitment to that which is good, and positive action. Your system of behavior *must match* your system of values," he declared as he acknowledged how much Mount Olive College meant to him during the sixties.

Mr. Qubein is no novice when it comes to the journey from unknown roots to successful results. As president of Creative Services, Inc. in High Point, he has become a famous public speaker, a consultant to some of America's most prominent industries, including AT&T, a cassette management speaker for Nightingale-Conant recordings, and a Mount Olive College Trustee.

His departure from the Middle East in 1966 to America was an act of courage. "I had a big dream in my soul to make something of my life. I came 7,000 miles, left



Seen at the Fall Convocation are James Kornegay, SGA Vice President; Vickie Stroud, SGA President; and Nido Qubein, alumnus and guest Convocation speaker.

my brother, mother, sister, and entire family with only \$50 in my pocket. And when I landed in Mount Olive, I didn't even like pickles!" he exclaimed with a robust laugh.

Mr. Qubein attributes success to one secret: walking hand in hand, side by side with people who understand life, who care about life enough to give their very best to their commitment. "We are

victims or we are on the receiving end of the environment we choose to live in." The choice of associating with people who care about life, who live their values, who have a positive vision and commitment is, to Mr. Qubein, the single most important choice of a young student.

Soren Kierkegaard insisted that "life must be lived forward, but

Turn the Page



life can only be judged backwards." Insisting upon Kierkegaard's careful analysis of life, Mr. Qubein added, "The purpose of life is to be useful, responsible, honorable, and compassionate. Above all, we want our life to matter, to count as valuable, to stand for something."

What is the magic mix for success? Mr. Qubein insisted upon three crucial ingredients: (1) identification, (2) mastery, (3) focus. In clarifying his recipe for success, he defined *identification* as that which *becomes personal* to us. When, for example, your tooth hurts, the most important person to you is your dentist. When your car breaks down, your mechanic rises in importance. "Companies today," declared Mr. Qubein, "recognize the importance of identifying their product with the personal. Prudential doesn't sell insurance; the company sells security, a piece of the rock. AT&T sells reaching out and touching someone. McDonald's sells us a break today."

The second ingredient for the magic mix of success is *mastery*. To Qubein the education at Mount Olive College can be a process of developing the mind, an ability to think. Mastery demands competence: a trait of learning which has to be developed through experience, commitment, and professional skills. Mastery also relates to a person's ability to predict the future. "We live in an incredibly wonderful era," asserted Mr. Qubein, his eyes bright. "The next fifteen years in America are going to be the best. Europe is uniting. Communism is falling. The issue of mastery is at hand. We must develop this ME, this personal SELF from the inside out."

The third ingredient for the combination which makes success is *focus*. Mr. Qubein insisted upon the focus of the individual upon personal identity. The need for self-esteem, for self-realization and self-actualization

is essential. Personal values must match behavior patterns in order for a clear focus of identity to occur. "Take enough time to focus upon who you are and what you stand for," warned Mr. Qubein. "Focus upon your purpose, your vision, your identity. Focus enough so that you don't ever let anybody else define that ME who

you are."

With a pause and an animated challenge, Mr. Qubein concluded his address with a startling series of questions: "Will you stay where you are or reach for a star? Will you be all that you can be? Will you be the ME your Creator will have you be?"

## Mount Olive College: A very special campus



The Mount Olive College family—faculty, staff, administrators—take the time to know our students as people, to remember their names. The friendly campus atmosphere helps nurture the seeds of spiritual and intellectual growth and intramural and intercollegiate sports help foster physical growth.

**Visit the campus:** Students and their families are encouraged to visit Mount Olive College's beautiful tree-lined campus anytime. The admissions staff will gladly arrange individual tours, plus several visitation days are planned each year.

**Financial help available:** The College strives to put together financial aid packages so that no student will be denied an education because of need.

**Individualized attention:** Small classes, with a student-faculty ratio of 14 to 1, provide the ideal in individualized attention. Learning can be so much easier when the professor is right there to guide and encourage.

At Mount Olive College, you will have the opportunity to begin a journey—a journey to becoming all you can be, all that God intends you to be. We believe you will find something very special on our campus.

Contact us today!

The Admissions Staff:  
Dianne B. Riley, *director*  
Tim Woodard, *counselor*  
Eric Weeks, *counselor*

Mount Olive College, 514 Henderson Street  
Mount Olive, North Carolina, 28365  
Telephone (919) 658-2502



## "A CELEBRATION OF JOY"

by Melanie Swinson

A "Celebration of Joy," held in Rodgers Chapel during the first week of college, entertained students, faculty, and visitors. Steve Creech and Jerry Jolly filled the chapel with a mixture of religious, popular, and show music. Creech, a guitarist, and

Jolly, a soloist, have been entertaining religious and civic groups for a number of years.

The program opened with devotions by MOC Chaplain Frank Harrison. "Our theme tonight, a Celebration of Joy, is God's joy to give us grace and blessing," he said during his introduction.

A round of applause and a smile on every face ended the evening.

"I really enjoyed the program, it was very inspirational," said Tracy McCoy a sophomore at MOC and a member of Core Creek Church, Craven County.

(Melanie Swinson, a member of Harmony Church in Wilson County, is a work study student in the MOC Office of Public Information.)

## WELCOME FRESHMEN!

## MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE AND ME



Tracy McCoy, Class of 1994  
Major: Psychology, English  
Hometown: Cove City  
High School: Arendel  
Parrott Academy  
Church: Core Creek  
Activities: Free Will Baptist Fellowship President, Student Government Association Secretary, Leaders Scholar, Concert Choir, Resident Assistant, 1990-91 Freshman of the Year.

I grew up with Mount Olive College. I came to the campus for dinners with my granddad. It was my second home. But I had decided not to come here. I wanted to break away from the familiar and attend another college, where my friends at high school were going. Before making the final decision, I decided to give Mount Olive a try.

I came for a visit and Mrs. Riley sent me out with a student. We toured all over and sat in on a class. It was fun, like a big family of friends. All around campus people stopped and said, "Hey, how are you?" It was one of the best days of my life.

The best thing here is the relationship with people—professors, students, staff. I like how the professors treat you, one-on-one. There are also leadership opportunities, and it seems natural to fit into the flow of things. By serving the college, I hope to give back what's been given to me.

For information and a tour of the Mount Olive College campus contact:

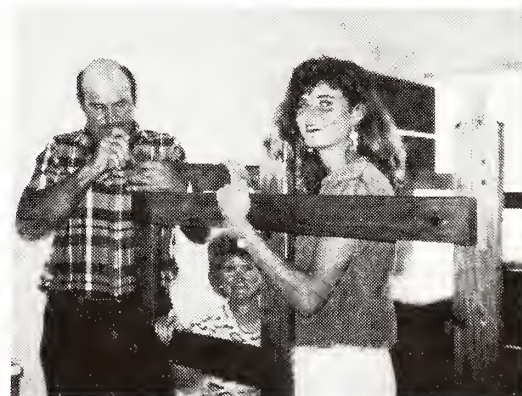
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Mike and Mark Knudsen of Welcome Home Church in Carteret County relax after moving in.



Mount Olive College freshmen moved into the dorms and participated in a host of activities to launch that all-important first year of college. It was hectic and at the same time, fun.



Tara Smith and parents Clarence and B. J. Smith of Smith's New Home Church, Lenoir County, assemble an important item in any dorm room.





DINING HALL  
Mount Olive College  
Dove-Knight and Assoc. ARCH.

## MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE DINING HALL PROJECT UPDATE

Architectural plans for the building are complete, and contracts can be awarded as soon as the budget is assured through gifts and pledges. The budget includes paving for the College Hall parking lot which will serve both buildings. As of mid-September, gifts and pledges have reached approximately \$1,283,000.

Free Will Baptist Churches making gifts and pledges include:

### A NEW DINING HALL FOR MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

(Gifts and Pledges of FWB Churches  
Through September 16, 1991)

Church	Pastor	Amount
<b>ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE</b>		
Hickory Chapel Church	Robert M. May	\$ 5,000.00
Malachi's Chapel Church	Royce Reynolds	1,000.00
Trinity Church (Beaufort)	N. D. Beaman	1,000.00
Total		\$ 7,000.00

### CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE

Bethel Church	Emmitt Jones	\$ 500.00
Casey's Chapel Church	L. B. Woodall Jr.	3,000.00
First Church, Goldsboro	Norman Ard	5,000.00
Haymount Church	Dean Kennedy	1,000.00
Hopewell Church	Edmundo Gonzalez	2,000.00
Johnston Union Church	Gene Britt	1,000.00
Lanwood Chapel Church	Kenneth Jackson	1,000.00
Lee's Chapel Church	Phillip Boykin	10,000.00
Robert's Grove Church	Calvin Heath	500.00
Saint Mary's Grove Church	Billy Nowell	5,000.00
Saint Paul's Church	Ed Miles	5,000.00
Shady Grove Church	Mike Ledbetter	5,000.00
Total		\$ 39,000.00



**CENTRAL CONFERENCE**

Bethany Church	David Parrish	\$ 2,000.00
Daniels Chapel Church	Earl Glenn	10,000.00
Elm Grove Auxiliary		25.00
Celia Hart Garriss Woman's Auxiliary		25.00
Harrell's Chapel Church	Jeff Cockrell	2,500.00
Howell Swamp Church	Ronald Braxton	500.00
Hugo Church	Tom Miller	742.76
Hull Road Church	Leon Grubbs	5,000.00
Greenville, First, Woman's Auxiliary		1,000.00
Little Creek Church	Frank Flowers	5,000.00
Owens Chapel Church	Wayne Hargrove	1,000.00
Piney Grove Church	Norwood Futrell	200.00
Reedy Branch Church	Willis Wilson	4,000.00
First Church, Rocky Mount	M. Ray Williamson	100.00
Second Union Sunday School Convention		300.00
First Church, Williamston	James Corbett	1,000.00
Winterville Church	David Langley	2,500.00
Total		\$ 35,892.76

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

Beulaville Church	Chris Singleton	\$ 7,500.00
Carteret County SS and Con- vention		500.00
Core Creek Church	Bryant Hines	4,000.00
Davis Church	Joe Ard	1,000.00
Gethsemane Church	Lonnie Mann	500.00
Holly Springs Church (Newport),	J. C. Yates	10,000.00*
May's Chapel Church	Dwayne Jones	2,000.00
Northeast Church	A. B. Bryan	2,500.00
Smith's New Home Church	Walter Sutton	160.00
Sound View Church	Graham Lane	21,000.00*
First Church, Warsaw	Grady Davis	2,000.00
Westside Church	Wayne King	2,000.00
White Oak Grove Church	C. L. Patrick	2,500.00
Total		\$ 55,660.00

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

First Church, Durham	Fred Johnson	\$ 5,000.00
Kenly Church	James V. Joyner	1,500.00
Little Rock Church	De Wayne Eakes	1,000.00
Marsh Swamp Church	Ray Wells	10,000.00*
Marsh Swamp Layman's League,		1,000.00
Marsh Swamp Men and Women's SS Class		1,000.00
Marsh Swamp Sunday School		2,000.00
Micro Church	Clyde Cox	2,000.00
New Sandy Hill Church	Dennis Pollock	3,000.00
Pleasant Hill Church	Henry Armstrong Jr.	1,000.00
Saint Mary's Church (Kenly),	Ray Everton	3,000.00
Spring Hill Church	David Cauley	2,500.00
Stoney Creek Church	Gary Bailey	10,000.00*
Union Grove Church	Billy Yawn	10,000.00*
Total		\$ 53,000.00

**PEE DEE CONFERENCE**

Beaverdam Church	William J. Godwin	\$ 5,000.00
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**PIEDMONT CONFERENCE**

Piedmont Conference		\$ 300.00
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**STATE-WIDE BODIES**

NCFWB Woman's Auxiliary Convention		\$ 12,000.00*
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**NCFWB Youth Fellowship**

Auxiliary	5,000.00
Total	\$ 17,000.00

**GRAND TOTAL****\$212,852.76**

\*Members of the Head Table Club

**A NEW DINING HALL FOR  
MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE***Finance*

Gifts and Pledges Payable Over a Five-Year  
Period: 1991-1996

Projected Cost: \$2,000,000  
(Includes architectural fees,  
construction, utility connections,  
equipment, furnishings, landscaping  
and paved parking lot)

Gifts and Pledges to Date (09/16/91): 1,282,617

Balance Needed: \$ 717,383

**Recognition of Donors**

A "Hall of Honor" will be erected in the new din-  
ing hall to recognize donors. The following gift levels  
will be recognized:

Major Donors	Special Projects
Head Table Club	\$10,000 and up
Diners Club	\$1,000-9,999
Alumni 500 Club	\$1,000-9,999

**An Essential Building**

A new dining hall is absolutely essential for  
Mount Olive College to fulfill its educational mis-  
sion. We will be fortunate to get through the 1991-92  
academic year with the cafeteria in the old elemen-  
tary school building which we have used for the past  
thirty-seven years. To expect to continue our food  
services in that building any longer would be fan-  
tasy.

**Dining Capacity**

Dining Capacity (Main Dining Room) 500 People

Also includes three private rooms with seating  
capacities of 25, 50, and 100 respectively

**Construction Schedule**

The Board of Trustees will award contracts as  
soon as gifts and pledges equal the cost of the proj-  
ect. Architectural drawings and specifications are  
complete. Approximately 12 months will be required  
from contract date to occupancy. Our goal is to  
begin construction in the fall of 1991 and to have the  
building in use in the fall of 1992.



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## SPECIAL INSIGHTS

*Below are the feelings of the two college students who worked for Cragmont this past summer. We enjoyed having them with us. They were a great help and a joy to work with.*

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### A Way to Express Our Praise to God

Cragmont provides a retreat setting where people respond to people and where people respond to God. Each week of camp means renewed and newly-made friendships between campers and counselors of any age, gender and background. Most of these friendships are based upon faith in God, support for one another and a hope to continue growing in friendship. These relationships are continued throughout the year by phone calls, letters and reunions.

Many campers also respond to the week's focus on Jesus Christ. During each week of camp, one can hear songs, testimonies, prayers and praises as responses to Christ. Cragmont is not merely a place for saving souls but also a place where people love God and where people learn to love people.

Cragmont is another part of our church body. It is a way we respond to the question that Jesus asks, "Who do you say I am?" (Mark 8:29). Our action is an answer to this question. Cragmont provides a unique way of showing to those around us that Jesus Christ is Lord. As Christians belonging to Free Will Baptist churches, we want to make sure this message comes across, hence the importance of our denominational enterprises such as Cragmont. Like the other body parts of our church body, Cragmont deserves our attention and respect. Belonging to the body of Christ, we celebrate our belief that Jesus Christ is Lord and we share that with those around us.

Dirk van der Plas

### To See the Seeds Planted

*Matthew 19:14*

Having attended Mount Olive College and finished a wonderful summer at Cragmont, I have had the advantage of being an outsider looking in on two major ministries of the Original Free Will Baptist of North Carolina denomination. My father being in the military, I have seen churches of many different types and programs of greater and lesser value. Mount Olive College seems to seek to equip, through education, the older of the church; high school graduates, ministers, as well as some non-church related adults. Like other schools, it is preparing some for continuing education and others, especially the youth, to handle the vast diversity in people and ideas. But where does the youngest Free Will Baptist get training for life? Ideally in the home and in the church. One of the major ways the Free Will Baptist denomination teaches its younger children is through Cragmont Assembly.

Having worked there this summer, I was able to see first-hand how Cragmont helps children to see the reality and responsibility of believing in Christ. The beauty of the summer program, to me, is in the diversity. No single person has the responsibility of leading and teaching the children. *Many* ministers, directors, and counselors, are bringing positive change in the children I saw. Each camp week is unique and handled *differently*; and yet, each week seemed to bring the *same* message: Christ is alive and salvation is freely given. But the weeks didn't center on salvation. They also sought to equip the young Christians for their lives as children of God. To God's glory, I saw some saved and others renewed in their faith and in their vigor for God. In others only seeds were planted, but they were God's seeds.

Working at Cragmont was great because of who I was working for. John and Arlinda Williams, Becky Jo Sumner, and Phyllis Stone made my summer full of humor, hard work and kindness. I'm indebted to them for one of the best summers of my life.

Cragmont is a powerful ministry to me and seemed to be to the children that came here. I've enjoyed working at Cragmont and I hope to work there again next summer.

David Ealy



An unidentified camper watches as David and Dirk share the day's menu via tape with Arlinda Williams.



# **"CHRISTMAS LIMITED EDITION"**

December 5-8, 1991



This year we are offering a "Christmas Limited Edition" December 5-8, 1991, which includes three nights at Cragmont, two days traveling to and from Cragmont, and two days of touring in the mountains. This is offered by Cragmont for a package price of \$150 per person. This price includes travel cost, lodging, meals served at Cragmont and any necessary tickets to special events. This **EXCLUDES** personal spending money and the cost of meals while away from Cragmont (unless otherwise designated, such as the Friday lunch buffet).

Our "Christmas Limited Edition" begins Thursday, December 5, 1991. Transportation to Cragmont is provided by motor coach with several stops in eastern North Carolina. Our planned trips all have a Christmas theme. On Friday, we plan to tour a decorated Biltmore House and enjoy the lunch buffet at the Deerpark Restaurant located on the Biltmore Estates property. Saturday we will journey into Tennessee and spend a few hours checking out the Christmas decorations at Dollywood and enjoying the live Christmas music shows. Also, we have included in our schedule time for rocking in front of the fireplace and fellowship at Cragmont.

Our Christmas Limited Edition will come to an end on Saturday, December 8, 1991. After the worship service in the Cragmont chapel, the bus will depart for eastern North Carolina.

We hope you will join us for this new adventure. Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Please return the completed reservation form along with \$50 non-refundable deposit. The balance of \$100 is due by November 25, 1991.

Come join us for this special retreat. All arrangements are made by Cragmont, freeing you from the hassle of planning and driving.

Mail to: "Christmas Limited Edition," Cragmont Assembly, 1233 North Fork Road, Black Mountain, NC 28711.

## **CHRISTMAS LIMITED EDITION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Evening): \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

For health reasons, do you *need* a ground level room? \_\_\_\_\_

(The main building is the only building open.)

If you have a roommate preference, please list the name/names here:



Free Will Baptist  
Retirement Homes



## ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST GROUP CARE RETIREMENT CENTER

Christ, both by His teaching and His life-style, set a course to be emulated by Christians of all generations. He said His mission was to be of service to others. The Lord Jesus' response to the request made to Him by the mother of James and John was, "but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; and whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant, Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:26-28). These words, I think, give us a summary of the full mission of Christ. Consequently, they tell us something of our Christian responsibility to others.

Luke records the words Jesus spoke in the synagogue at Nazareth which specifically note His task as a servant to others. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord" (Luke 4:18-19). The Apostle Peter summarized the ministry of Jesus as he witnessed to Cornelius and his family. "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power, who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all these things which he did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem" (Acts 10:38-39).

There are people everywhere who need special witness and ministry: The teenage boy who drifts with bad company destined to appear before a judge to hear his sentence; an old man without home, family or friends who drifts into town without food

and needing medical attention, and a warm place to sleep; the woman who speaks another language unable to communicate with those around her; the man or woman nobody knows, dying of an incurable sickness in the hospital; children whose parents have become careless and unloving, struggling for love and attention; the blind man who taps his way to the place where he will sit with an empty cup begging for help; the one who is deaf or another who is unable to speak. These persons, like us, are the objects of God's love; they, like we, are the ones for whom Christ died. They have a special need; that need requires a special ministry. They will not be reached for the church and the glory of God unless we give them special attention. Give due thought to what is said here; these people are not living in some remote part of the world. They are in our homes, churches and communities where we live. They are our responsibility. If we expect to emulate Christ's example, we must busy ourselves, finding ways to meet the needs of the people.

In the past, care for the elderly centered in the family. The family cared for them as best as they could with whatever resources they had until their time of departure. The church for the most part showed its care and love through prayer and visitation. Little or no attention was shown on a denominational level. The state and county through its welfare offices offered assistance on a limited basis. In my lifetime, my adult years, I have witnessed the shifting of care for the elderly from family to county and private enterprise. Original Free Will Baptist churches and friends have awakened to their responsibility and are rising to meet the challenge before them. Free Will Baptists today are doing more for the elderly than at any time in their history. Why have we been slow in assuming this Christian



responsibility? Our neglect of the aged perhaps has been partly due to ignorance of the problems, conditions of older people and the scope of the problem. Maybe we often find older persons who are repulsive and who fail to arouse our sympathy because of their peevishness, selfishness, offensive actions, disagreeable odors, and suspicious attitudes. But we forget there are countless others, perhaps a majority of them, who have very few, if any, of these aforementioned unattractive traits.

Another common reason for neglect is the generation gap. The interests of youth and the elderly are not the same. Youth mistakenly think that all elderly people want is financial security and freedom from responsibility. This kind of mind-set is untrue. Retired people want to be wanted, to be loved, to be useful and to have responsibility. Much of the wealth, strength and wisdom of our churches and denomination is centered in our retired people. A ministry of love and care is long over due for these special people who walk among us.

But whosoever hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother in continual need and shutteth up continually his bowels of compassion from him, How dwelleth the love of God in him? Let us not love in word, Neither in tongue only, but in deed and in truth (1 John 3:17-18).

Those who practice their faith in tongue only, deceiveth their own heart and their faith is useless because it does not show itself in Christian works. Pure faith that is acceptable to both God and man is to care for the fatherless and widows in their affliction, thereby showing continual identity with Christ and separation from the world (James 1:26-27).

Only Luke is with me. Take Mark and bring him to see me. For he has been profitable to me in the gospel. The coat that I left at Troas with Carpus, when you come, bring it to me, and the books, especially the parchments (2 Timothy 4:11-13).

These words should be sufficient to challenge us to constantly seek ways to serve people with special needs—especially our retired. Your Retirement Homes Board of Directors is trying to follow this course. That is why we are happy to announce to you and request from you your help in our efforts to establish a *Group Care Retirement Center*. A denomination of churches and people expresses its love and concern corporately in many ways—care for the retired is one way. Free Will Baptists can be proud of the specialized ministry it is implementing daily for its retired citizens.

Walter J. Sutton,  
*Executive Director*

#### Tentative Schedule:

Friday, November 29—8:00  
p.m.—Opening Service

Saturday, November 30—Morn-  
ing—Bible Study and Music

Afternoon—Free for Your  
Own Adventures

Evening—Service

Sunday, December 1—7:00

a.m.—Worship Service

7:45 a.m.—Breakfast

8:45 a.m.—Homeward Bound

(The early time for Sunday Worship is to enable us to get ahead of the Thanksgiving Holiday traffic as we head for home.)

## CORNERSTONE

Fall Women's Mini Retreat  
Cragmont Assembly,  
Black Mountain, North Carolina

Friday, November 29, 1991—  
Sunday, December 1, 1991  
(Thanksgiving Weekend)

**COST:** \$10.00 Registration

35.00 Balance Due on Arrival

**\$45.00 Total Cost**

(Includes 2 nights, 3 meals on Saturday,  
1 meal on Sunday.)

If you have questions, please call Becky Jo  
Sumner, (919) 332-6810.

Mail registration fee and the form below to: Becky Jo Sumner, Route 4, Box 410, Ahoskie, NC 27910.

#### REGISTRATION FOR CORNERSTONE—1991

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

List names of those you want to room with.







## CONVENTION HOLDS ANNUAL SESSION

Many were the times during the 1991 Convention of Original Free Will Baptists that ministers, delegates and visitors were challenged to "Hear the Word of the Lord Concerning Christian Outreach." Many were the times that Original Free Will Baptists were challenged to commit themselves to the cause of Christ and the task at hand. Attendance was better than in recent years and a spirit of harmony prevailed on the Convention floor.

Following are highlights of the various ministry reports given.

### RETIREMENT HOMES

Retirement Homes is a "caring ministry for the retired." Operations began in 1975. During the in-

tervening years we have provided: 1. community based homes/apartments for those who were in need of quality housing; 2. monthly cash payments for those who wished to continue living in their home; and, 3. placement service for those who needed institutional care. Presently we are caring for fourteen retired Free Will Baptist people.

With gratitude, the Board of Directors, Billy Hardee, Board Chairman; Ronnie Hobgood; James V. Joyner; Lloyd Jones; Harry Jones; O. B. Jones; Mrs. Mildred Jenkins; W. S. Burns; Clifford Ball; and Ken Hardison; express their deepest thanks to each church and friend who have supported and encouraged others who has supported this ministry with their prayers and gifts last year.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST



At present, Mrs. Rose Bowen, the Rev. James A. Evans, Miss Bonnie Farmer, the Rev. and Mrs. Ed Taylor, Mrs. Gertrude Ballard, Mrs. Thelma Rulli, Mr. Oliver Dunn, Mrs. Hattie Mae Everton, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Patterson, Miss Kay Jones, Mr. Roland Gauthier, and the Rev. Thomas H. Brooks are recipients of the Retirement Homes ministry benefits

Each person retired in our care is charged 30% of his monthly income for his home, utilities, repairs, appliances and yard maintenance. His 30% does not cover his cost of stay. That is why we urge each Convention church and denominational organization to help. Without your help, we could not continue operations.

The Executive Director of Retirement Homes would welcome an invitation from your church, Sunday School, Auxiliary or youth organization to share information about this ministry.

#### **Recommendations:**

1. We request the Convention to designate January 1992 as Retirement Homes month and Sunday, January 26, as Retirement Homes Sunday.
2. We request the Convention approve our operating budget and encourage each church to help raise its recommended appropriations.
3. We request each pastor to share information about Retirement Homes with his congregation and lead them in a systematic plan of prayer and gift support.
4. We request that each church use our printed materials as a means of providing information with its members.
5. We request that our churches open their doors and invite the Executive Director of Retirement Homes or one of its Board members to personally share information about this retirement ministry.

#### **THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD**

This past year's efforts of the Sunday School Board have been to follow the course established by the following significant events:

- A. Having had a Field Secretary for eight years.
- B. Sponsoring a Sunday School Institute for superintendent and teacher training.
- C. Co-organizing a Literature Committee with the Free Will Baptist Press Board of Directors, and
- D. Having become a ministry of the Original Free Will Baptist Convention.

The Board is currently working on these tasks:

- A. Creating a historical collection of past Sunday School Conventions, Field Secretary work, institutes, and banquets.
- B. Building a lending library of relevant VCR and literature for local Sunday School usage.

- C. Developing an effective, less cumbersome program for Teacher of the Year and Superintendent of the Year awards.
- D. Designing an intense instructional program for teacher and superintendent certification.
- E. Supporting the Literature Committee in areas of literature content, writer applications and evaluations.
- F. Working on new Sunday School By-laws.

This year's theme, "Hear the Word of the Lord Concerning Christian Outreach," is well adapted to the visionary task confronting the Sunday School Board's ministry. The Board strongly feels that greater participation with local congregations will greatly bless our objectives in following the Lord's greater commission. We are prayerfully considering these items and welcome your input:

- A. Local or geographical institutes (especially if we are to offer appropriate studies for certification).
- B. Permanently fund a Field (Executive) Secretary for the Sunday School ministry.

#### **HOME MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM**

We continue to move forward with a focus on "Touching Lives for a Lifetime." It is the task of this ministry to lead men, women, children, and youth to accept Christ as Saviour and follow Him as Lord.

Due to the movement of many people and their detachment from the church, we have kept our attention on new areas of ministry with a determined effort to proceed to plant more churches and to enlarge our ethnic, migrant and deaf missions.

We have been enabled this year to reach-out further than ever because of your prayerful and financial support. Every church and individual who has participated in this ministry, should rejoice with us, as we completed a very fruitful 1990-91 year for the cause of Christ.

As a church, we do well to remember that all of life is a planting time. Our sowing will eventually bear fruit. When we scatter the good seed with earnestness and prayer, we can expect a joyous and abundant harvest in the following areas:

1. HOME MISSIONS  
Genesis, Fayetteville, NC  
Hillsberry, Clinton, NC  
Hillside, Grifton, NC  
Silver Creek, Cape Carteret, NC  
St. Cloud, St. Cloud, Florida  
Friendly Chapel, Greensboro, NC
2. ETHNIC MISSIONS  
H'mongs (8 worship groups), CA  
H'mong Youth Camp, CA  
H'mong Worship Group, Spokane, WA  
Cambodian Worship Group, Moreno Valley, CA  
H'mong Worship Group, Albemarle, NC





Left: Dr. Raper receives a gift from a former H'mong student; right: Free Will Baptist students who attended the "special" chapel service on September 10.



### 3. DEAF MISSIONS

Victory Church for the Deaf, Hope Mills, NC  
Wilson Church for the Deaf, Wilson, NC  
Camp for the Deaf, Eagles Nest, Mount Olive, NC

### 4. EVANGELISM

#### A. IN-REACH MINISTRY

- Seminars on visitation, soul-winning, church growth
- Lending Video Library: Tapes are available on the above subjects.

B. ALL-NIGHT PRAYER SERVICE: Friday, January 17, 1991, Mash Swamp Church, Rock Ridge, NC

C. NIGHT OF EVANGELISM: On Tuesday night preceding the annual Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, your Board of Home Missions and Evangelism conducts "The Night of Evangelism." This service is made available to give our church people the opportunity to join together in prayer and fellowship to prepare us spiritually for our Convention.

### PROPOSED NEW WORK AND PROJECTS FOR 1991-92

Proposed Work: Moreno Valley (ethnic church), CA  
Florida, move church to new location  
North Carolina, Kmou and H'mong Church/FWB  
Mobile Ministry  
Deaf Camp, PA

Continued Projects: Sunday School Literature for H'mongs  
Establishments of Endowments  
Sowers and Seed Clubs

### Recommendations

1. That this 1990-91 report to this Convention be adopted.
2. That this Convention support our 91-92 budget.
3. That this Convention continue to designate April and September as Home Missions and Evangelism months on our promotional calendar.

4. That this Convention continue its prayerful and financial support to this ministry.

### MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

#### MAJOR SERVICES AND ACHIEVEMENTS: 1990-91

This past year witnessed the continued advancement of Mount Olive College. Financial restraints and the identifying of institutional priorities made it one of our most difficult years, but at no period in the history of the College has more significant progress taken place. This campus is no longer just changing—it is exploding with an enlarged vision and the progressions of events toward the fulfillment of that vision.

Below are some of our major services and achievements during the year.

1. *Graduates:* A total of 144 degrees were awarded at graduation in May (117 Baccalaureate and 27 Associate).
2. *Library:* In December 1990, the College commemorated the addition of volume 50,000 and by the end of June the library collection had exceeded 52,000 volumes. In addition, the Free Will Baptist Collection, the largest known resource in the world on the history and work of Original Free Will Baptists, contains over 8,000 items. The library subscribes to approximately 365 periodicals and has more than 22,000 items in the U. S. Government Depository Collection. This development of the library has been due in large measure to the generous support of our Charter Library Patrons and friends who give books as memorials.





Convention officers and directors of the various FWB ministries met with MOC students for their chapel services on September 10. Afterwards, the students had lunch with the church leaders.

3. *Academic Affairs:* During the past year, major steps have been taken to strengthen the academic program including:

- A. Addition of a computer information curriculum in the fall of 1990.
- B. Addition of a computer services program to train both faculty and student supervisors for computer labs for fall 1991.
- C. Receipt of a matching grant from the National Science Foundation for purchase of computers in development of the science/math program (total investment will be approximately \$35,000).
- D. Study Abroad program scheduled to be inaugurated in the summer of 1992.

4. *The School of Christian Studies and Education for Ministers:* This past year has seen significant advances in services that Mount Olive College offers Free Will Baptists. We are committed to responding to the educational needs of our denomination.

- A. The School of Christian Studies—Through the School of Christian Studies, Mount Olive College seeks to meet the continuing education needs of ministers and laypersons by providing workshops and seminars. During 1990-91, workshops have been offered to churches in evangelism, Sunday School work, Free Will Baptist doctrine and history, and deacon training. The prospects for the continued growth of this program are quite promising.

Recently the School of Christian Studies began working with the State Sunday School Board to revise its Sunday School Teacher and Superintendent certification program. This new program should be in place by the

meeting of the State Sunday School Institute in March 1992.

- B. Harrison Lecture—On February 26, 1991, the College hosted the first annual Vivian B. Harrison Memorial Lecture. This lecture series was established by the Rev. Frank R. Harrison in memory of his wife. The purpose of the lecture is to provide a medium for continuing education for the ministers of eastern North Carolina.

The first Harrison lecturer was the Rev. Steven V. Sprinkle, pastor of Pleasant Union Christian Church. His theme was "Preaching for Renewal in the 90s." The almost 50 ministers attending were both inspired and instructed by Sprinkle's scholarship and passionate preaching.

The second Harrison Lecture is currently being planned for a date in February 1992. The theme for this lecture will be "The Prophets Speak Today."

- C. Ministerial Scholarships—With the costs of higher education ever increasing, it is essential that assistance be made available for those preparing for the Christian ministry. To meet this need, Mount Olive College is currently revamping its assistance program for ministerial students. Individuals who desire to prepare for the ministry to which God has called may apply for these scholarships through Dr. K. David Hines, director of Education for Christian Ministries.

5. *Financial Aid to Students:* It is the desire of Mount Olive College that no student be denied the opportunity of an education for financial





Looking over the program before the groundbreaking.

**"THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HATH MADE:  
WE WILL REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT."**

(Psalm 118:24)

Under the spreading shade trees, Free Will Baptists, who were attending their annual Convention, gathered with townspeople, and MOC students, faculty and staff. The air filled with anticipation as another milestone for Mount Olive College took place.



The crowd assembles for groundbreaking.

reasons. To support this desire, last year the College awarded \$624,000 out of its own resources for scholarships and grants.

As large as the above amount may appear, it was inadequate to meet the needs of our students. Information from applications for financial aid reveals that the average family income of the homes of our students is \$23,500. Thirty percent of our students are from homes where the average parental income is less than \$18,000.

Our church and our society cannot afford to let the God-given minds and talents of our young people go undeveloped. We must assure that those who want the advantages of attending a Christian college have that opportunity. The Church can have no greater outreach than to

provide open doors to Christian higher education. Our future depends upon our doing so.

6. *The Mount Olive College Press*: The Press was inaugurated in November with the publication of two books:

*Levora*—a collection of biographical poems by Mrs. Lee Davenport Witte, a native of eastern North Carolina and now a resident of Los Angeles, California; and

*Travels With Dr. Pepper*—a collection of essays by Dr. Pepper Worthington of the College faculty.

The spring witnessed the publication of a third book:

*Light for Living*—a daily devotional book by the Rev. Ray K. Hodge of Smithfield.





**Preparing to break ground**—Mount Olive College President W. Burkette Raper welcomes over 650 people who attended the groundbreaking for the new dining hall. Representing various publics are (from left) William H. Bryan, president of the Mount Olive Pickle Company, the community; Vickie Stroud, president of the MOC Student Government Association, the student body; the Rev. Scott Sowers, president of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, the church; L. Marvin Edwards, chairman, the MOC Board of Trustees; and William L. Hennessee Jr., president of Chas. F. Cates & Sons, Inc., the people of Eastern North Carolina. Benediction was given by the Rev. Ray Wells, class of 1972 (seated on platform).

The 20,000 square foot building will have a seating capacity of 600, including a main dining area and three private rooms with seating capacity for 25, 50, and 100. The dining hall will enable Mount Olive College to better serve its students and the numerous church, civic, and community groups that use the College's facilities each year.

Two additional books are scheduled for publication this fall with others to follow in 1992.

7. *Campus Development*: During the past year, our campus master plan has been updated and revised to assure the orderly development of our 110-acre campus into the twenty-first century. Our beautification program is evident across the campus.

8. *New Administration Building*: This 8,000 square foot facility, representing a major gift from the W. Roy Poole Family of Kinston, was completed in August and now houses:

- The Office of the President
- Business Office
- Admissions
- Financial Aid

—Institutional Advancement (all offices related to gift support)

—Public Information

—Institutional Planning

—The Mount Olive College Press and Project EAST

—The College Bookstore; and

—Conference Room

9. *Maintenance Facility*: With the purchase of a 3,000 square foot shop, we were able to transfer our maintenance operations from the downtown campus to the main campus. It is anticipated that this transfer will improve efficiency and save approximately \$20,000 annually in labor and operating costs.

10. *Campaign for New Dining Hall*: In the fall of last



year, the College received a \$500,000 challenge commitment for the construction of a dining hall on the main campus. The projected cost of this project is \$2 million. Architectural plans for the 20,000 square foot building are complete and contracts can be awarded as soon as the budget is assured through gifts and pledges. (The budget includes paving the College Hall parking lot which will serve both buildings.)

A new dining hall is absolutely essential for Mount Olive College to fulfill its educational mission. We will be fortunate to get through the 1991-92 academic year with the cafeteria in the old elementary school building which we have used for the past 37 years. To expect to continue our food services in that building any longer would be fantasy.

11. *Complete Transfer to Main Campus:* Upon the completion of the dining hall, only our music and art programs will remain in the old building on the downtown campus. Through creative planning, our goal is to have all operations on the main campus by next fall.

12. *Evaluation for Continued Accreditation:* In the

spring of this year, Mount Olive College underwent a periodic evaluation of its entire operation by a Reaffirmation Committee from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The committee, which included 12 educators from seven states and the Associate Executive Director of the Association, spent four days on campus. While the official results of the evaluation will not be known until December, the report of the Committee has been helpful in identifying important areas for special attention:

- A. Continued development of the library, including expansion of the building, planned growth of the book collection, and other learning resources and up-to-date technology;
- B. Increase in the percentage of faculty members who hold earned doctoral degrees and plans for the professional development for other personnel;
- C. Construction of a dining hall adequate to meet the needs of our students;
- D. Increase in expenditures for instructional purposes, including computer resources and



Free Will Baptists return to the Convention in College Hall.



audiovisual equipment; and

- E. Increased endowment and gift support to assure a sound and stable financial base for the annual budget, additional programs of study, plant development, and future build-ings.

13. *Gift Support and the Road to Excellence Campaign:* Voluntary gift support for the fiscal year ending June 30 totaled \$1,729,976, the highest in the history of the College. Of this amount, \$229,984 was contributed by Free Will Baptist Churches and church-related organiza-tions.

During the year, new gifts and pledges to the Road to Excellence campaign totaled \$2,253,022, bringing the grand total for the campaign to \$6,348,056. The goal of the five-year campaign is \$10,000,000 by June 30, 1994.

14. *Endowment Growth:* It took Mount Olive Col-lege 29 years (from 1951 to 1980) to raise its first million dollars in endowment. Since that time, the College has averaged adding to its en-dowment in excess of \$1,000 daily.

During the 1990-91 fiscal year, more than \$1 million was added to the endowment, bringing the grand total of endowment resources to \$5,705,000.

To assure academic excellence, adequate financial aid for worthy and needy students and to provide for continued growth, the College needs an endowment of \$25 million. We believe that our cause is worthy and that these funds are obtainable, and we challenge our church, alum-ni, and friends to help attain this goal by the year 2000.

15. *Into the Future:* After forty years of traveling through the wilderness, Mount Olive College is now preparing to enter the "Promised Land." From past experience and from studying the Old Testament, we know that possessing the land will be no easy victory. Every step of progress is always challenged, but our Lord commands us "to be strong and of good courage" for He is with us.

### Recommendations:

- First, That the Convention accept this report and endorse its goals;
- Second, That the Convention encourage each church and each denominational body affiliated with the Convention to provide special gift support for the building of a new dining hall;
- Third, That the months of July and February con-tinue to be designated for Christian education and that our churches and Sunday Schools be encouraged to observe Fifth Sundays as "Mount Olive College Scholarship Day."

## FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

### Ministry in Action

Last year our license capacity was 46 children on campus. This year we have increased our capaci-ty to 56 children. God has blessed us and our ministry has grown in its services to children, in-dividuals, and families. Our ministry operates 365 days a year. This year's average cost per child is ap-proximately \$19,200. As our ministry grows and ex-pands it is reflected in our budget. Our ministry faces the same problem as each of you: inflationary cost.

### Future Development for Consideration

Consideration is being given to opening an Emergency Shelter for children in need of im-mediate placement (24 hours a day), because of abuse and neglect. The need is so great that we get calls almost weekly for emergency placements. At the present time we cannot meet this need. There are special guidelines for residential ministries for the protection of the children in our care (health care, protective services, etc.).

### Ministry Highlights

The following is a partial report of services and statistics of your child care ministry.

Children Served .....	72
Daily Average .....	37

Group Care .....	12
Independent Living .....	28
Adolescent Development .....	30
Higher Education .....	2

Cottages Operated .....	4
Number of Inquiries .....	156
Referrals .....	60
Other Cases Handled .....	161
Medical and Dental Services .....	210
Psychological .....	850
Conferences: Family .....	174
Child .....	1,457
School (5 schools) .....	183
Department Social Services .....	266
Individual .....	72
Development Training .....	26
Workshops/Seminars .....	12
Representation: Churches/special programs/etc .....	85
Special Events .....	14
Campus Visitors .....	791
Pieces of Literature Mailed .....	48,803
Counties Served .....	22
Outreach Library Materials Supplied .....	37

### Recommendations

The following recommendations are submitted for consideration by the Convention:

1. That the 1991 report to the Convention be adopted.
2. That the Convention continue to designate May



and November as Children's Home Months, and recommend that our churches observe Children's Home Days on November 10, 1991, and May 17, 1992.

3. That the Convention and representing churches continue to pray for the ministry of the Children's Home.
4. The Convention support our 1991-92 budget.

### FOREIGN MISSIONS

Today there are three daughter Original Free Will Baptist denominations in other lands because of your gift and prayer support. You have in the past heard the Word of the Lord concerning outreach and this is the result. These daughter denominations in India, Mexico and the Philippines function according to the directions set down in the *Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists*. Although these daughter denominations are able to govern themselves and propagate the gospel, they are not capable at this point of self-support, even though each field provides part of its support. Your continued faithfulness is needed to make sure that these daughter denominations can one day stand completely on their own. There are a total of 185 people being supported by your contributions to Foreign Missions. Our chief concern is reaching lost people with the gospel.

Foreign Missions is the Convention through the local church reaching around the world with the gospel. This program exists to coordinate the united efforts of all local churches in world outreach. The task of Foreign Missions is to go into an area, contact the people, evangelize them, organize them, train them to repeat this process and then move to another field. This is biblical, according to the church planting principles in the Book of Acts.

In accordance to the policy of the Convention and the Scriptures, the Board of Foreign Missions is in the process of opening a new field in Bulgaria, Eastern Europe. Willem and Lydia van der Plas departed for the field on June 28 and have at the writing of this report taken the initial steps to open the field. They have applied for a visa to live in Bulgaria. In fact, they were the first missionaries to apply for a permanent visa since the fall of the Iron Curtain. There have been many groups and parachurch organizations in Bulgaria to minister for a season, but they have no long-term commitment. This is a must if we are going to plant a Free Will Baptist daughter denomination in Bulgaria. The Board plans to send the Grubbs Family to join the van der Plases as soon as their visas are approved.

Now is the time for every Free Will Baptist to hear the Word of the Lord concerning outreach and renew his/her commitment to reach all people with the gospel.

Financially, the 1990-91 church year was encouraging and disappointing. The Telethon was the greatest ever, but on the other hand the budget fell short by \$19,602. This caused the Board deep concern about opening a new field. They, however, believed this to be God's will; and therefore, moved forward. Please join us in prayer for God's provision. Fulfilling the Great Commission is our chief responsibility.

The call for revival must continue to ring. Pray daily for revival, for from revival comes compassion for others and a greater effort to reach them.

What is the purpose of the church? William Fetter said, "Only as the Church fulfills her missionary obligation does she justify her existence."

You can contribute to the continuing progress of the Foreign Missions program in the following ways:

1. Pray daily for genuine spiritual revival in our churches.
2. Increase your contributions to Foreign Missions.
3. Participate in the yearly Telethon.
4. Establish an endowment for Foreign Missions.
5. Remember Foreign Missions in your will.

#### Special Projects

INDIA: Completion of the boundary wall around the church property in Bareilly, \$12,253.37

MEXICO: Copy machine \$2,800  
Headquarters Building, \$9,000

PHILIPPINES: Gasoline saw to cut lumber for church buildings, \$1,200

#### Prayer Requests

Pray daily for the following:

1. For lost people around the world.
2. For laborers (Matthew 9:37).
3. For the financial needs of the Board.
4. For positive church growth on each field.
5. For God's wisdom in decisions and planning.
6. For protection and boldness for all our workers.
7. For a great spiritual awakening world-wide.

Jesus said, "Therefore I say unto you what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them" (Mark 11:24).

#### Recommendations

1. That this report to the 1991 Convention be adopted.
2. That the Convention encourage every member to pray faithfully for revival and the fulfillment of the Great Commission.
3. That the months of December and March continue to be designated as "Foreign Missions Months" in our Convention calendar.



4. That the Convention support our 1991-92 budget.

## **THE MINISTER'S PROGRAM**

### **The Year in Review**

Your generosity over the past year has enabled us once more to meet the financial needs of the Minister's Program. We continue to work hard to help the churches of our denomination understand the unique needs of the minister and we stand ready to help any church or minister in their planning.

During the past year we have offered several programs to assist the minister:

#### **Retirement Benefits**

Ministers receive a monthly income based on the amount they contributed to the program. This income is fixed and some ministers have been receiving the same amount since 1971. Last year we declared a dividend for all ministers over the age of seventy-five who were receiving benefits under the plan. I am happy to report to you that once again we are able to make that dividend available for 1991.

#### **Tax Seminar**

As in years past, we sponsored a tax-seminar to benefit the ministers of our denomination. We hosted over 40 ministers and provided helpful information and materials.

#### **Hardship Grants**

Last year, we awarded Hardship Grants to needy ministers and we continue to offer this to all ministers based on need. If you know of a minister that you feel would qualify for this grant, please encourage him to apply through the program.

#### **Graduate Student Loans**

A well prepared and learned minister adds a deeper dimension to service in the church. To help our clergy continue their education, we offer a low cost loan toward graduate studies. Contact the Ayden office for details.

#### **Retirement Program**

For those ministers who participate in the Retirement Plan, the Minister's Program continues to underwrite all administrative costs associated with the plan, which means that all earnings go directly to the minister participating. Last year, the plan earned 7.52%, which is a rate comparable to plans available through commercial outlets. In addition to the return, the plan also offers tax-benefits, which are unequaled in either the public or private sector.

As you, the denomination, open up avenues with your financial support, we will continue to do more for our ministers.

#### **Recommendations**

1. We ask that this Convention continue its prayers and support of this program.

2. We ask that each church initiate an open discussion with its minister in an effort to help make themselves aware of each other's needs and how best those needs can be met.
3. We ask that the Convention approve the Basic Compensation Plan as a guide in helping ministers and churches plan together.
4. We ask that the Convention approve the budget presented.
5. We also request that October be designated as *Minister's Program Month* and that the third Sunday in June be observed as *Minister's Program Sunday*.

## **CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION**

The Association has a total membership of 3,007. Our membership increased in 1990 by 137. Our total deposits are \$811,899. Our deposits decreased in 1990 by \$45,948. The total loans to our churches and institutions are \$1,555,333. New loans made in 1990: \$153,992.

## **CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY**

### **1990 In Review**

#### **Attendance:**

Attendance increased in youth conferences. Mini-retreat, "Morning Star," best attended yet. Best attendance yet for "Limited Edition."

#### **Financial:**

Usual amount paid on loan principal: \$14,564;  
Amount paid on principal end of 1990: \$37,646.  
Total indebtedness at end of 1988: \$261,346;  
Total indebtedness at end of 1989: \$255,302;  
Total indebtedness at end of 1990: \$232,219.  
Principal reduced from 1988 to 1989 by \$6,044;  
Principal reduced from 1989 to 1990 by \$23,083.







### **FREE WILL BAPTIST PRESS**

The Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc., owns and operates the following facilities.

Ayden Bible & Bookstore  
811 North Lee Street  
Ayden, NC 28513  
919-746-6128

Kinston Bible & Bookstore  
123 North Queen Street  
Kinston, NC 28501  
919-527-2843

New Bern Bible & Bookstore  
315 Middle Street  
New Bern, NC 28560  
919-638-6193

Wilson Bible & Bookstore  
Regency Plaza  
Wilson, NC 27893  
919-243-4982

These bookstores provide a special service to our denomination. Through these stores, we provide to each of you the resources you need to grow in Christ through study. We carry hundreds of different titles of books on most all subjects pertaining to your Christian life. Also available are devotional materials, Sunday School supplies, church supplies, music, cassettes, and VCR tapes.

Please visit us at one of our Bible & Bookstores, or simply call.

The Free Will Baptist Press also operates a printing facility located in Ayden. There we publish and print our Sunday School literature, youth materials, Woman's Auxiliary Devotion Books, as well as many other publications.

This past year we printed books for such organizations as Mount Olive College Press, East Carolina University, Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, and Wayne County Fair; newsletters for ministries of the Original Free Will Baptist denomination, Woman's Aglow, Greene Central High School, Kinston High School, ECU/Joyner Library, D. H. Conley High School, North Carolina Movers Association, and Carolina Pregnancy Center; and other miscellaneous printing for many churches and ministries within the Convention, as well as Heritage Bank, Ayden Chamber of Commerce, Town of Ayden, Pitt County Schools, North Carolina Association of Rescue and EMT, Inc., American Credit Company, just to name a few.

### **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

#### **Ephesians 4:11-13**

This passage of Scripture provides a clear picture of the work of the church. It relates the function of the pastor, while describing the local congregation in terms of gifted members. It identifies the goal of the church in terms of the development of each member of the body to maturity. "The overwhelming and all-encompassing objective of the church is total Christian maturity for all its members." This maturity leads us to the likeness of Christ—and is an ongoing process throughout our lives.

One of the definitive marks of maturity for a Christian, local church, or denomination is outreach. Those who are becoming like Christ will be reaching out to people who need to experience the love of God. To remain inward-focused is best described as childish; and is in fact, a disobedience to the instruction of our Lord.

It would be easy this morning to enumerate the problems within our church. Sometimes I feel like the runner who said to the General, "The good news is that we can attack in any direction, sir; we are surrounded!" Instead of listing the problems, let's focus on the challenges that lay ahead for a church that desires to become more Christ-like. Have you taken a look at the map prepared by the Albemarle Layman's League? There is a lot of territory out there that needs our ministry. Have you looked at the globe on the Foreign Missions display? The field is wide open.

If we want to reach people for Christ and help them grow to maturity, then we must commit ourselves to see it happen. We cannot make it happen, but we must want it badly enough to ask God for it, and be willing to pay the price that He will require. We will have to be willing to sacrifice, we will have to be willing to put Him first and making Him known before many other good and noble things that would require our attention, time and resources.

If we want to reach people for Christ and help them grow to maturity, then we must learn that God has gifted the members of His body to work together





as a team. The pastor is not the only one who God has called to minister. Every believer is expected to make a contribution to the development of the total body. The pastor cannot and should not do all the work of the church. The men, women and young people who make up our congregation are a part of God's plan for reaching our neighborhood and the world with the love of God. People want to be involved in meaningful work. We must not confuse the assignment of busy work to the laymen, with learning to share the work that God has called His church to do.

If we want to reach people for Christ and help them grow to maturity, we will have to work toward the development of leadership. We need men and women at all levels who can lead us as we work together to accomplish the purposes of God. We must learn to seek out the very best, those whom God has gifted—and develop those gifts, to serve in positions of leadership. We must not let friendship or popularity determine our selections. We cannot afford to place those who always agree or who make no real contribution on our boards and committees because it makes it easy. We need mature people who can provide wisdom and insight. These things are true here at the Convention, at your conference meeting, and in your local church.

As we move toward the year 2000, I believe the challenge is before us. I pray that we will meet the challenge. I pray for the establishment of new churches and new fields at home and abroad. I pray that we will experience growth and the development of maturity among our churches and ministries.

Many of those who attended the Convention dined on the campus grounds.

### FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Final report of the Credentials Committee is as follows:

Ordained ministers .....	208
Pre-registered .....	133
Convention Registered .....	75
Delegates .....	276
Pre-registered .....	214
Convention Registered .....	62
Conference .....	2
Visiting Ministers .....	6
Visitors .....	77
Members of the Convention .....	2
Total Registered Attendance at This Convention	571
(532 attended)	

CONFERENCE	MINISTERS ON ROLL	MINISTERS PRESENT	DELEGATES PRESENT
Albemarle	12	9	18
Cape Fear	50	32	40
Central	50	44	63
Eastern	101	50	64
Pee Dee	27	6	14
Piedmont	32	8	4
Western	83	59	73
Total	355	208	276

147 ministers failed to register at this Convention  
16 ministers pre-registered and failed to attend.



## OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

It is customary that we pause during our Annual Convention to pay tribute to the memory of those laypersons and ministers who have passed away since our last meeting. We, as a Christian body, can and do continue to praise God in every facet of life, even in death. We recognize that although the physical body is no more, we believe that life continues. It is on this faith that we focus on God and life—things eternal and spiritual, rather than on man and death—things temporal and physical. Therefore, we pause for worship and praise to what God has meant in the lives of these deceased as well as to what they have meant in the lives of those of us who have known them.

LORD, what is man, that thou hast regard for him? or the son of man, that thou takest account of him? man is like a breath, his days are as a fleeting shadow (Psalm 144:3-4).

In the morning he flourishes and grows up like grass, in the evening he is cut down and withers (Psalm 90:6).

So teach us to number our days, that we may get us a heart of wisdom (Psalm 90:12).

Mark the man of integrity, and behold the upright, for there is a future for the man of peace (Psalm 37:37).

Let us worship the Lord. Let us come before Him in praise and in thanksgiving for the life He has given us and for His love which sustains us. Let us praise God for the Christian service of those we memorialize, and we ask for the strength and guidance to honor daily these deceased by the lives that we lead. Certainly we can honor them in no better way than to serve the one that they served.

So we praise God for the lives of a host of laypersons and for the three ministers of our denomination who have died since we last met. Those ministers are: W. Arthur Martin, 1907-1991; Boyd L. Shook, 1920-1991; and James Corder.

## RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Each of the following resolutions was adopted.

### Resolution Number One

WHEREAS, powerful forces within our state government are intent upon introducing legislation that could result in legalized gambling being established in North Carolina;

WHEREAS, we, the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, believe and teach that clear scriptural principles lie behind the Christian's opposition to gambling;

WHEREAS, everything we have is given by God and held in trust;

WHEREAS, our life is to be lived in faith, realizing first and foremost that life is not a gamble, blind luck, or chance; rather, life is controlled by a loving, Heavenly Father;

WHEREAS, gambling always violates God's basic laws, in that we are to love our neighbor as ourselves which means we should not want to win at another's expense;

WHEREAS, God's Word condemns a self-centered attachment to money and also condemns covetousness and greed;

WHEREAS, the Christian ideal is not taking from others, but giving; for Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35);

WHEREAS, every Christian should speak out against gambling, because of the many sociological, psychological, economic, and political factors involved, no true child of God can afford to sit by idly and allow this travesty upon our public;

WHEREAS, our voice must be heard loudly and clearly that whatever the short-term benefit of legalized gambling may be, it can never be the best long-range interest of the State of North Carolina or our people;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists meeting on Thursday, September 12, 1991, does hereby request that the General Assembly of North Carolina oppose any legislation that would result in legalized gambling being established in North Carolina.

### Resolution Number Two

If the resolution opposing a state-operated lottery is adopted by the Convention,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the Convention send copies of the resolution to all members of the North Carolina General Assembly, Governor Martin, Lt. Governor Gardner, and to all other key officials within state government, and that a news release be made to all members of the state news media and interviews offered and encouraged by our Executive Committee.



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### Resolution Number Three

BE IT RESOLVED that in the printing of our Convention *Yearbook*, beginning this year, that we include the name of the minister's spouse placed in parenthesis following the minister's name.

(This resolution was amended so that the action mentioned begins with the 1993 *Yearbook*.)

### Resolution Number Four

BE IT RESOLVED that the Convention give a vote of thanks to Mount Olive College for their gracious hospitality in hosting this 79th session of our Convention.

### Resolution Number Five

BE IT RESOLVED that the Convention give a vote of thanks to the Convention Executive Committee for their work in preparation for the Convention and in the manner in which it was conducted.

### Resolution Number Six

Being aware of the tremendous responsibilities placed upon our ministers and the terrific stress these can bring;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of this Convention work with the Board of the Minister's Program to consider establishing an office or position that would serve as pastor to our ministers.

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A special thank you goes to  
Mrs. Pattie O'Donoghue,  
MOC Public Relations Director, who  
shared her photography with us.  
"Thanks, Patti!"

—The Editor

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## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Scott Sowers, President (1992)  
Ray Wells, Vice President (1992)  
*Bruce Dudley, Recording Secretary (1993)*  
*Leon Harris, Treasurer (1993)*  
*Robert May, Albemarle (1993)*  
Peyton Lee, Cape Fear (1992)  
Phil Wood, Central (1992)  
Justin Kornegay, Eastern (1992)  
*Jackie Godwin, Pee Dee (1993)*  
*Jerry Campbell, Piedmont (1993)*  
*Fred Johnson, Western (1993)*

### CHILDREN'S HOME

James Cahoon (92)  
Fred Boykin (92)  
Franklin Vester (92)  
Garland Suggs (93)  
Doug Skinner (93)  
Elizabeth Brinchek (93)



Leon Grubbs (94)  
Donnie Tyndall (94)  
Jerry Smith (94)  
*Francis Garner (95)*  
*Hazel Brown (95)*  
*Michael McLamb (95)*

### FOREIGN MISSIONS

Wayne King (92)  
Henry Armstrong (93)  
Edward Miles (94)  
Edmundo Gonzalez (95)  
Gary Bailey (96)

### HOME MISSIONS

W. S. Burns (92)  
Bruce Jones (93)  
A. Graham Lane (94)



Lyn Renfrow (95)  
 Dean Kennedy (96)  
 Howard McPherson (97)  
 Carlee Stallard (98)

### MINISTER'S PROGRAM

A. B. Bryan (92)  
 Bruce Barrow (93)  
 Roy Clifton (94)  
 Jeff Scarborough (95)  
 J. B. Narron (96)

### COMMISSION ON FREE WILL BAPTIST FELLOWSHIPS

Ronnie Hobgood (92)  
 David Hines (93)  
 Harold Swinson (94)

### MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Edna Scarborough (92)  
 Reginald Styron (92)  
 Darrel Horne (92)  
 Marvin Edwards Jr. (92)  
 Eugene Summer (92)  
 Mack Pierce (93)  
 William L. Hennessee (93)  
 Lloyd Jones (93)  
 Danny McPherson (93)  
 Mrs. N. B. Barrow (94)  
 James B. Hunt Sr. (94)  
 S. Woodrow McCoy (94)  
 William (Bill) Thigpen (94)  
 Dr. Annie Mae Sutton (94)  
 E. J. Page (95)  
 Nido R. Qubein (95)  
 The Honorable Gerald Anderson (95)  
 Luke H. Wetherington (95)  
 Dr. Donald Ribeiro (95)  
 Dr. De Wayne Eakes (96)  
 Jane Tyson Tripp (96)  
 Wendell Murphy (96)  
 C. B. Hinant (96)  
 W. C. Martin (96)  
 Mrs. Frank Walston, Raymond Sasser  
 (honorary non-voting members)  
 Howard Scott (97)  
 Sherrill Williams (97)  
 William McLawhorn (97)  
 C. P. Pittman III (97)  
 Marvin Raines Jr. (97)

### RETIREMENT HOMES BOARD

James B. Hardee (92)  
 Ronnie V. Hobgood (92)  
 Lloyd Jones (93)  
 Clifford Ball (93)  
 W. S. Burns (94)  
 O. B. Jones (94)  
 Kenneth Hardison (95)  
 Mildred Jenkins (95)  
 James Joyner (96)  
 Harry A. Jones (96)

### HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Jeff Daughtry (92)  
 Gary Barefoot (honorary)  
 Michael Pelt (93)  
 Ruth Warrick (94)

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## THE W. ROY POOLE FAMILY OF KINSTON IS RECOGNIZED AT THE CONVENTION FOR THEIR GIFT OF A NEW ADMINISTRATION BUILDING



**Poole Family is honored**—Standing prior to the dedication ceremony for Mount Olive College's new Administration Building are (from left) grandson, "Wally" R. Poole III, who supervised the construction; son, Walter R. Poole Jr., and his wife, Sylvia Poole; and parents, W. Roy and Mary R. Poole. Dr. Pepper Worthington, the Poole's daughter and MOC's Writer-in-Residence and an English professor, introduced her family and said, "The dedication of this new building to Mount Olive College is a moment of family commitment, cohesion and love" (photo by Patti O'Donoghue).



**Gift to Mr. and Mrs. Poole**—Dr. Pepper Worthington stands with the handmade quilt that MOC's President W. Burkette Raper presented to her parents in appreciation of their outstanding generosity and support of Mount Olive College. The quilt, made by Catherine Warren Anderson, took over 1,000 hours to make. The design includes the shape of all 50 states, the state flower, location of the capitol, the year the state entered the Union, and the order the original 13 colonies entered the Union (photo by Patti O'Donoghue).



by C. H. Overman

### CONVENTION ATTENDANCE

The Seventy-ninth Annual Session of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists is now past. The work of the Convention, however, has only begun. The budgets adopted by the various boards and ministries are yet to be completed. The results of this annual session will reach into the months and years to come. In reality, the outreach of our Convention has no bounds or time limit. It will continue until Jesus comes.

The final report of the Credentials Committee showed an increase in attendance for this year's Convention. The total number of ministers present was 208, as compared to 133 last year. The total number of delegates was 276, as compared to 207 last year. (A total of 147 ministers failed to register at this year's Convention and 16 pre-registered who failed to attend.) The Western Conference had the highest number of ministers present (59), and also the highest number of delegates (73). This was followed by the Eastern, with 50 ministers and 64 delegates. Next was the Central with, 44 ministers and 63 delegates. Others were: Cape Fear—32 ministers, 63 delegates; Albemarle—9 ministers, 18 delegates; Pee Dee—6 ministers, 14 delegates; Piedmont—8 ministers, 4 delegates. The total number of those in attendance, including visitors, was 532.

All those involved in the work of the Convention are appreciative of those who were able to attend, for the financial support, and especially for the many prayers for the success of our work. None of these programs just happen by themselves. They happen because of dedicated men and women who work and labor to serve the Saviour and the Free Will Baptist cause. As General Secretary, we wish to thank each

person who helped to make this Convention a great success. Also, we are grateful for all those who were in attendance. Also, our host, Mount Olive College, did a wonderful job. Their graciousness to our Convention is greatly appreciated. Before we know it, another year will pass and we will again be planning for the Convention.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL BANQUET

It was my privilege to attend the Sunday School Banquet on September 6 at Daniels Chapel Church. This is sponsored each year by the Sunday School Board and this year highlighted the "Teacher of the Year Awards," and the "Superintendent of the Year Award." The chairman of the Sunday School Board is the Rev. Joe Griffith, pastor of St. Paul Church, Elizabeth City. We enjoyed the banquet and the program. Each pastor and each church should be represented at this annual event. And there is almost a year to plan to do so!

### CHURCH DEDICATION SERVICE

On Sunday afternoon, September 15, 1991, I was invited to bring the message of dedication at Free Spirit Church, Wilson, NC. Under the capable leadership of the Rev. M. E. Cox, the church has completed the building of a new sanctuary. It was indeed a privilege and honor to be invited to attend and to bring the message. There was a spirit of true fellowship, love, and pride among the people, and surely God will continue to bless this congregation in the months and years to come.

Others who participated in the program were: the Rev. Scott Sowers, our Convention president; the Rev. David C. Hansley, director of Home Missions and Evangelism; the Rev. Ray Wells, our Convention's vice president

and moderator of the Western Conference; also, the church choir, the pastor, and others.

Growing churches mean a brighter future. When churches are "on the move," there is naturally a greater spirit of joy and enthusiasm. Let's keep this church in our prayers.

### SOME CONCERNS

In our report to the Convention, we expressed some deep concerns for our beloved denomination. These concerns focus around our lack of growth in membership, reaching our youth for Christ and then ministering to them in training and commitment, greater financial demands on a decreasing number of active members, the trends in our society away from denominationalism, failure to support our own ministries and programs in a more united effort, our seemingly unwillingness to broaden our concept by uniting in some larger body which shares like faith, and a growing attitude of "I'll do my own thing."

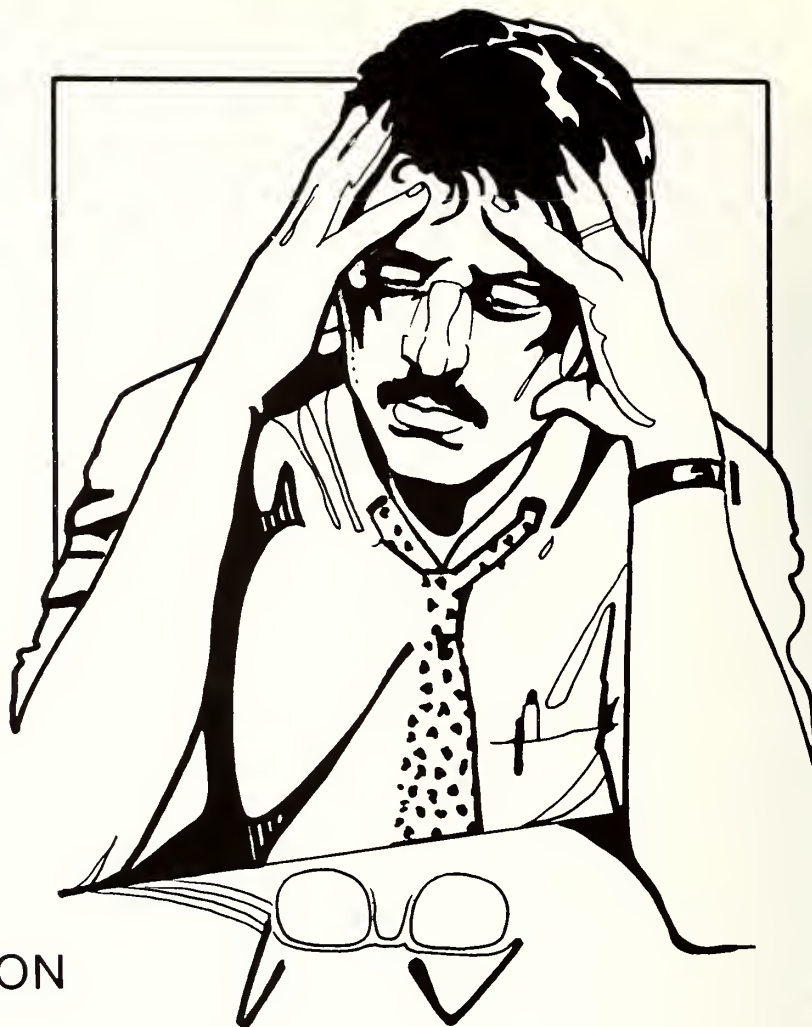
To face these matters will require a united and concerted effort on the part of each and every facet of our work, from the individual member to the ministers, and throughout every phase of our work. The idea of just cooperating with and supporting one narrow area of ministry will not suffice. We all are reaching for the ultimate prize. We cannot attain it working alone.

### SPECIAL NOTE

Due to computer malfunctions and needed repairs, this issue of *The Free Will Baptist* was delayed in publication. We appreciate your understanding and will strive for a more timely delivery next month.

—The Editor





## JUST COMPENSATION

by Charles Barnard

Drops of perspiration glistened along the chairman's furrowed brow. "Oh boy," he thought to himself, "here we go again." Unwittingly, his fingers fumbled with the button tucked beneath the knot of his tie. "This is the third preacher we have interviewed in as many months," he mused. All the while, the man across the table gazed earnestly in the chairman's direction. "Lord," the chairman entreated silently, "how can I tell another man that we cannot afford to pay him a competitive wage?"

Eventually, every church faces the proposition of securing a new pastor. Indeed, many congregations are presently engaged in this arduous task. No one, minister or member, relishes embarking upon this ritual of uncertainty.

There is, however, a tool available to help reduce the tension associated with the pastoral call. I refer to the "F.W.B. Minister's Basic Compensation Package" introduced in the April 1991 issue of *The Free Will Baptist*. This well-researched outline provides an excellent platform for mutual understanding.

Ministers and churches CAN come to terms regarding compensation. Churches CAN afford the

best person for the job. Ministers CAN savor a less stressful environment for their vocational endeavors. A concrete commitment to the principles and practice of Christian stewardship ensures the financial support of churches. Couple this with a working knowledge of local congregational demographics and your church is well on its way to employing the pastor best suited to its needs.

Christian stewardship involves all of life. Everything in life (family, property, time, skills, etc.) belongs to God. You and yours are His by right of creation and redemption. Those things we claim as our own, in reality, are His.

We are God's stewards. We are to use life, and its accompanying benefits, for His glory. As managers of God's affairs on earth, we hold a sacred position of trust. Sin results from our failure to invest these resources in His Kingdom's best interest.

To help us fulfill our stewardship obligations, Jesus instituted the church. The church is the visible evidence of an invisible God to a lost and dying world. By giving to support the work of the local church, Christians are reminded that 100% of our assets are not really our own.



God's plan for the support of His church directs us to give proportionately to the local church. This proportional payment, usually 1/10, is the tithe. The tithe is the minimum amount contracted between the individual believer, the local church, and God. When church members give proportionately, systematically, and sacrificially, the church and its ministers are free to invest their time wisely for the cause of Christ.

No church, regardless of size or location, should settle for less than the best in a pastor. And, no pastor should have to live on less than his secular counterpart. For either to occur is to bring embarrassment and disgrace to the name of our Father in Heaven.

Each local Original Free Will Baptist Church is expected to have an operational and qualified Board of Finance. This Board is charged with promoting Christian stewardship in the local church. Another responsibility of this Board is the yearly budget. Both are awesome tasks. Only people of vision, courage, and integrity ought to be elected to this Board. A thorough knowledge of business and financial practices is not a prerequisite for appointment, but such knowledge can be helpful.

A responsible Board will never operate outside its income. Yet, many do operate far below an acceptable standard. Usually, this is the result of a combination of several commonly held opinions. First, many fear to take a great step of faith towards a more equitable budgetary sum on the premise that past performance dictates present effectiveness. This excuse for less-than-adequate budgets will not "hold water." Properly educated Christians, when personally satisfied that what they give is necessary and is wisely distributed, will give accordingly. Second, some church leaders have ascribed to themselves "pauperhood." These have left God out of the picture and concentrated on their own false sense of humility. "We are just poor little Free Will Baptists. We ain't never been much and we never will be." Again, this line of reasoning is faulty. God is not bankrupt. We are His children. Will the Father of all grace allow His children to go lacking? No way! Last, and this is the poorest excuse of all, some say that keeping a pastor poor will keep him humble. Hogwash! Why should one suffer from the sins of many? Besides, another person's humility is God's business, not ours.

Let's look at an example of financial demographics for a church situated mid-way Category II of the "Basic Compensation Package." We will assign the members to four groups. Beginning with 150 active members, subtract 40 youth and children. Next, subtract 20 fixed income adults from the 110. Now, subtract another 20 single income families. From the 70 remaining members we can expect 35 multiple income homes. A conservative

estimate of the combined income from each of these groups should provide us with a general idea of the potential tithing base of that congregation.

150 total active membership
<u>-40 unemployed youth</u>
110
<u>-20 fixed income persons</u>
90
<u>-20 single income homes</u>
70
<u>÷ 2</u>
35 multiple income homes

If the 20 fixed income members receive \$5,000 annually the joint income would be \$100,000. The 20 single income homes represent a potential of \$200,000 yearly at \$10,000 each. The 35 multiple income families, receiving \$20,000 per household represent a \$700,000 total. This is a combined annual income of at least \$1,000,000. A tithe of this would secure \$100,000 for the use of the local church.

20 x \$ 5,000 = \$100,000
20 x \$10,000 = \$200,000
35 x \$20,000 = \$700,000
<u>\$1,000,000</u>
tithe x .10
potential budget \$100,000

The suggested starting salary for a minister serving a church in Category II is approximately \$32,500. This is only 32.5% of what God expects the local church to receive from its membership. Granted, churches whose present budgets may not be much more than the suggested pastoral salary may not be able to realize an increase of this magnitude immediately. That, however, is not a sound reason for failing to plan an incremental increase in pastor's salary over the next 1-5 years. Of course, the overall budget would be expected to increase proportionately. Anything is possible when God's people pray, plan, and promote as they should.

Adding to the pastor's salary figure, an additional operational cost of \$20,000 and another \$12,000 for denominational ministries equals a budget of \$64,500. This is 65% of what God expects (based on our example). The remaining 35% potential serves as a resource for building and special interest projects. Surely, when seen in the light of God's provision and expectations, these figures are not unreasonable.

Your pulpit search committee CAN concentrate on spiritual qualifications as they fulfill their assignment. Your church CAN afford a qualified minister. Your church CAN offer a competitive compensation package. Your pastor CAN breathe easier. You CAN do your part. WILL YOU?



by Lynette Sumerlin

## STORY FUN

A woman whose husband had died went to Elisha, the prophet, and said, "Your servant, my husband, is dead. You know that he loved the Lord. I have no money to pay my debt, and now the person to whom I owe this debt is coming to take my two sons away to work for him."

Elisha asked the woman, "What do you have in your house?"

The woman answered, "I have nothing except a pot of oil."

Elisha then told the woman to go to her neighbors and borrow several empty pots. He also told her that when she returned, she should go into her house with her sons and shut the door. She should then pour the oil into the pots she had borrowed. The woman did as Elisha had said. When she had filled all the pots, she told one of her sons to bring her another one. The son said to his mother, "There are no more pots."

The woman then went out to Elisha and told him what had happened. Elisha said, "Go, sell the oil, and use the money to pay your debt. Then you and your sons can use the rest of the money to buy the things that you need."

Can you retell this story? Find a word in the story that rhymes with each of the "b" words below. Then look back at your list and tell the story in your own words. The words should help to jog your memory.

bed—

bored—

bunny—

bet—

boil—

buns—

but—

billed—

bore—

bell—

best—



## CHRISTIAN VIDEO FORBIDDEN

A battle over church-and-state separation erupted in a second-grade classroom after an eight-year-old girl in Livonia, MI, was forbidden to show a video to classmates that featured her singing a Christian song in church.

Kelly DeNooyer had been chosen "VIP of the Week" at McKinley Elementary School and was asked to bring personal items from home to share with students. However, she was told the class could not view the video because of its religious content.

"The First Amendment was written to prevent government officials from doing the very thing they've done here," said David Melton, a Rutherford Institute lawyer who is representing DeNooyer in a federal suit.

*National and International Religion, 5-23-91*

## EVOLUTION TAUGHT AS FACT

The Texas Board of Education has ruled that evolution is a fact and not a theory—and can be taught as fact in Texas school textbooks.

*The American Ways Features*

## METHODISTS ENDORSE EUTHANASIA

A euthanasia bill for the state of Washington was recently endorsed by United Methodists in the Pacific Northwest Conference. The measure calls for legalization of doctor-assisted suicides. It has also been approved by a clergy group representing American Baptists, Disciples of Christ, Episcopalians, Lutherans, Reform Jews, and the United Church of Christ.

*National and International Religion Report, 7-1-91*

## SCHOOL BOARD SETTLES WITH BIBLE CLUB

The Buffalo Board of Education agreed to pay \$125,000 to settle a four-year old lawsuit brought by a group of McKinley High School

students, who two years ago were denied the right to meet in the school for religious readings.

The settlement will pay the fees of three law firms who entered the case on behalf of the students. The settlement was recommended by retired State Supreme Court Justice William J. Ostrowski, who issued the original injunction allowing the students to use the school.

*The Buffalo News*

## SCHOOL PRAYER

Operators of a summer program for 600 disadvantaged youths in Pittsburgh asked a federal judge to let the "Fun in the Son" program continue at public schools despite its religious aspect. School officials revoked the group's permits because the program includes prayer and Bible study—which is banned on the school property.

*USA Today*

## ADULTERY LEGAL IN CONNECTICUT

Connecticut Governor Lowell Weicker has signed a bill repealing a state law against adultery. The law led to four arrests last summer, but none of the cases were prosecuted.

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Janie Jones Sowers, Editor



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## TEEN EXPLOSION Youth Rally

Place: Bethlehem FWB Church  
Beulaville, NC  
Pastor, Joe Ard

Time: Friday, October 18, 1991  
7:00-9:30 p.m.

Speaker: Youth Evangelist,  
Glenn A. Mills

Theme: Teens With Christ

Purpose: Teen Involvement

Singers: Cindi Hodges, Phillip Jordan (Christian Rap), and special music from Reedy Branch Church

Testimonies: Teens





**MOC Press announces latest publications at Convention**—Mount Olive College Press Editor Pepper Worthington and Luke Wetherington, of Sound View Church, in Carteret County, look over a copy of her book, *Stand Up and Be a Voice*. The new book, one of three publications to be released this fall, was presented during the annual Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. A fifteen-month calendar, "Within Arm's Reach: A Contemplation of Nature Through Poetry and Photography," by Karen Baggott, was also released during the Convention. *Church Growth and Evangelism*, a book by Dr. K. David Hines, will be available soon. Dr. Worthington also announced that the MOC press is working with Mr. Wetherington on a biography of his life to be published next year (photo by Patti O'Donoghue).

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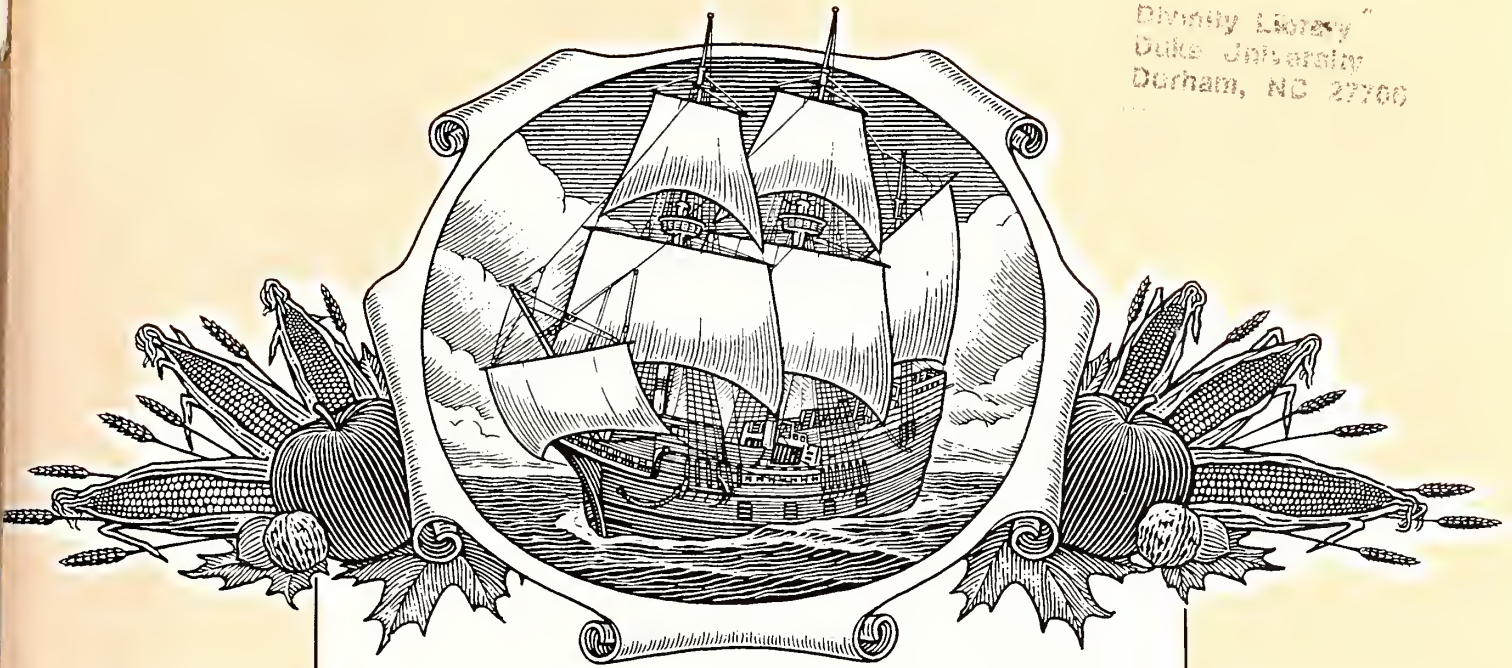
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## November is Children's Home Month

FWB Children's Home  
Box 249  
Middlesex, NC 27557



### **HISTORICAL COMMISSION REPORT TO THE CONVENTION OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

The Free Will Baptist Historical Collection is located in Moyer Library on the campus of Mount Olive College.

The members of the Historical Commission would like to encourage all churches to preserve their history by bringing church records and minutes to the Historical Collection to be microfilmed and added to the collection.

A number of churches will be celebrating the centennial year of their founding very soon. We encourage these churches, and all churches, to write a history of their church and place a copy in the Historical Collection.

An increasing number of churches are celebrating "Pastor Appreciation Day." This is a perfect occasion to write a biographical sketch of your pastor and place a copy in the Historical Collection.

At the death of ministers, obituary committees have requested information about the minister and there is incomplete or no information available in the Historical Collection. To ensure that Original Free Will Baptist history is complete and preserved, we encourage all ministers to complete and update the Minister's Data Sheet available in the Historical Collection.

We invite everyone to visit and use the Historical Collection at your convenience.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeff Daughtry  
Edmundo Gonzalez  
Gary Barefoot

### **CENTRAL LAYMEN MEET**

The Central Conference Layman's League met at Rose Hill Church on September 9. The meeting was jointly hosted by the Ayden and Rose Hill Layman's



Leagues. There were 91 present, 17 of whom were ministers.

Randy Tyson, president, presided over the business meeting. The Rev. Bob Harber and a Laotian minister thanked the League for their support of Home Missions and the H'mong people. Dr. Burkette Raper discussed the much needed construction of a dining hall and challenged support.

The next meeting will be held on December 2 at Tarboro Church at 7 p.m. Supper will be served.

### **STATE LAYMAN'S MEETING SCHEDULED**

The State Layman's League Convention will meet on November 16 at Shiloh Church, Albemarle Conference. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

All laymen are encouraged to attend.

### **REVIVAL SCHEDULED**

The members of Core Creek Church, Cove City, cordially invite everyone to a series of revival services Sunday through Thursday, November 10-14, beginning nightly at 7:30. The theme for the week is "A Spirit-Full Life," with speakers sharing each night on a different subject that will enhance the Christian's spiritual walk. Speakers and their subjects include the Rev. Harry Grubbs on Sunday, speaking on prayer; Dr. David Hines on Monday, speaking on study; the Rev. Calvin Heath

on Tuesday, speaking on obedience; the Rev. Craig Simmons on Wednesday, speaking on fellowship; and the Rev. Fred Baker on Thursday, speaking on servanthood. There will be special music nightly and a nursery will be provided.

The pastor of Core Creek Church is the Rev. Bryant Hines Jr.

### **CENTRAL CONFERENCE**

The 243rd Annual Session of the Central Conference will meet with Reedy Branch Church, located on Reedy Branch Road, behind Pitt Community College, Greenville, NC. The session will be held on Thursday, November 7, and will begin at 9:30 a.m. Registration will begin at 9 a.m.

Twenty-two of the forty-four Conference Churches had no delegates at last year's Conference and/or no letter. Fourteen of the churches made no contribution to the Conference and its work.

Those ministers who cannot attend the Conference, are reminded that it will be necessary for them to send a letter to the Conference clerk stating the reasons for not attending in order to be excused. Otherwise, they must be counted absent.

A roll call of ministers will be taken sometime during the session. Any minister not answering the roll will, of course, be counted absent. Section 3 of the Central Conference Bylaws states: "Each minister . . . in good standing shall duly attend . . . while the conference is in session or be subject to censure by the conference . . ."

### **MINISTER AVAILABLE**

The Rev. Henry W. Armstrong is available for revivals, supply, interim pastor or pastoral work, in driving distance of Dunn, NC. His new address is: Henry W. Armstrong, 10 Jernigan Trail, Dunn, NC 28334; phone: 919-892-0359.



## *Special Invitation Issued . . .*

The Board of Directors of the  
*Free Will Baptist Children's Home*  
cordially invites you and your guests to  
*Friends of Children Appreciation Day*

Saturday, November 16, 1991

Twelve o'clock

Whitley Center

Please RSVP by November 11, 1991



### **CHRISTMAS SPONSORS NEEDED**

Christmas is fast approaching. The season brings along with it the fun of shopping, parties, caroling and sharing with others. As we prepare for this busy time of year, did you know that there are children who are not on anyone's shopping list? Christmas sponsors are so important to our children, because the holiday is such a tender time, when love speaks so clearly through sharing. Each year, we try to provide one sponsor for every child in our care. Sponsors may simply send \$100 for each child sponsored. We need to receive Christmas sponsorships by the first of December to allow us time to complete our shopping. Won't you consider adding our special children to your Christmas list? You will be the one to receive the greatest gift!

The Convention of Original Free Will Baptists has designated November as Children's Home Month, and November 10, 1991, as Children's Home Day. Our children wish to thank you for your prayers and support for your child-care ministry. It is your prayers and financial support that provides "A Christian Home for Boys and Girls."



# Friends of

## Children... a special way to share.

### CHILDREN'S BENEFITS

- A home
- Clothing
- Medical care
- Education
- Love
- Spiritual guidance
- A chance to develop to their God-given ability

### YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO BECOME A

### FRIEND OF CHILDREN

Membership in the Friends of Children program is achieved with a monthly gift of \$20 or more to the Free Will Baptist Children's Home.

Membership provides you an opportunity to become partners and share in a sense of satisfaction with other concerned friends in ensuring the on-going ministry of "a Christian home for boys and girls."

There are three levels of monthly giving recognized within the membership of the Friends of Children program. You may choose the category which matches your resources and interest.

Cornerstone Members: \$100 plus

Foundation Members: \$40 - \$99

Friends: \$20 - \$39

### MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- An attractive Friends of Children award
- Monthly news note of current activities
- Invitation to Friends of Children Appreciation Day and other special events
- Personal tours of the campus
- Annual report of your giving
- Partnership with other Friends supporting their child care ministry
- Personal satisfaction of reaching out beyond yourself and sharing your resources with children
- You are giving hope and a future to a child

## FREE WILL BAPTIST MINISTRY TO CHILDREN

### "Friends of Children"

#### Statement of Faith

Because of my/our concern, commitment and support to children, and the Child Care Ministry of Original Free Will Baptists, I/we will become Friends of Children at the following level:

☐ Cornerstone Member

☐ Foundation Member

☐ Friends

Name (Person/s or Group) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed you will find my first gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ I plan to begin \_\_\_\_\_

Please print your name exactly as you wish it to appear on the award. Normally you will receive your award by mail within 30 days.



## LET ME REMIND YOU!



As Free Will Baptists, we believe that our Lord has commissioned us as a denomination to present the gospel to the world. As a denomination, Free Will Baptists have chosen several ways to do this at a denominational level. One can see this through the ministries that were established by the denomination many years ago. Each ministry has its own special way of presenting the gospel. Cragmont's ministry is

one of retreat and recreation. Some think that because recreation is a part of the emphasis of Cragmont's ministry, it is not as important as some of the other ministries. In the summer program this year, 1,022 people participated. Out of this number, 47 made new professions of faith and approximately 200 rededicated their lives to the Lord.

I have several questions to present. How many more new professions of faith and rededication would there have been had more of our churches been behind the work of Cragmont by sending their youth to a summer youth conference? When one considers the over-all effect that Cragmont has (new professions of faith, rededication, and seeds of faith planted) upon the denomination, then why would any church even think of cutting Cragmont from its budget? Why would any church even question whether Cragmont is a worthwhile ministry to support? Why do some of our churches support only one or two ministries? Why are some of our churches not supporting any of the ministries?

As a denomination, we must unite and get behind the ministries and support them. Cragmont has come a long way over the years. However, there is so much more that could be done. Many different kinds of conferences and seminars could be structured to deal with the problems that youth and adult face in this life. I am sure the other ministries see so many areas of growth in their work also.

I have taken the long way around to remind you that our annual payment is coming up. This annual payment on Cragmont's debt will be due on December 31, 1991. This year's payment will



total \$37,500. Fellow Free Will Baptists, we are still in need of funds to meet this obligation. At the present time, we still need \$21,000. I believe that when churches call themselves "Free Will Baptist," they have committed themselves to support the ministries of the denomination. It is certainly a privilege to give to these ministries, but it is also our duty as Free Will Baptists. I hope we will be hearing from you soon.





## "CHRISTMAS LIMITED EDITION-II"

December 12-15, 1991



This year we are offering a "Christmas Limited Edition" December 12-15, 1991, which includes three nights at Cragmont, two days traveling to and from Cragmont, and two days of touring in the mountains. This is offered by Cragmont for a package price of \$150 per person. This price includes travel cost, lodging, meals served at Cragmont and any necessary tickets to special events. This **EXCLUDES** personal spending money and the cost of meals while away from Cragmont (unless otherwise designated, such as the Friday lunch buffet).

Our "Christmas Limited Edition" begins Thursday, December 12, 1991. Transportation to Cragmont is provided by motor coach with several stops in eastern North Carolina. Our planned trips all have a Christmas theme. On Friday, we plan to tour a decorated Biltmore House and enjoy the lunch buffet at the Deerpark Restaurant located on the Biltmore Estates property. Saturday we will journey into Tennessee and spend a few hours checking out the Christmas decorations at Dollywood and enjoying the live Christmas music shows. Also, we have included in our schedule time for rocking in front of the fireplace and fellowship at Cragmont.

Our Christmas Limited Edition will come to an end on Saturday, December 15, 1991. After the worship service in the Cragmont chapel, the bus will depart for eastern North Carolina.

We hope you will join us for this new adventure. Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Please return the completed reservation form along with \$50 non-refundable deposit. The balance of \$100 is due by November 25, 1991.

Come join us for this special retreat. All arrangements are made by Cragmont, freeing you from the hassle of planning and driving.

Mail to: "Christmas Limited Edition," Cragmont Assembly, 1233 North Fork Road, Black Mountain, NC 28711.

### CHRISTMAS LIMITED EDITION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Evening): \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

For health reasons, do you *need* a ground level room? \_\_\_\_\_

(The main building is the only building open.)

If you have a roommate preference, please list the name/names here:



# A NEW YEAR'S RETREAT FOR JUNIORS, SENIORS, COLLEGE STUDENTS December 29—January 1



Bring in the New Year with us at Cragmont in front of a roaring fire. You can enjoy the fellowship of other Christian people and the beauty of the mountains during winter. Winter outdoor activities are planned such as hiking, horseback riding, and skiing (weather permitting). At this retreat, we not only offer fun but plan to take a serious look at our Christian faith and how it answers questions such as: "If a person has faith, he/she will not have doubts about God"; "Will faith help me pass my math test?", or "If things are not going well in your life, does this mean you do not have enough faith?"

## TRANSPORTATION

Transportation is not provided. We do not lease a bus because this would add significantly to the cost of the retreat. No doubt car-pooling is the cheaper way to travel. It is also possible that we may be able to secure a couple of vans. So, if you are interested in coming but do not have a way to get here, please let us know. We can make travel arrangements with other people who are coming. Please do not let travel keep you from attending.

## COST

Meals and lodging for the three days, \$50  
Skiing one day approximately, \$45  
Horseback riding, \$10 to \$15

There are other costs such as meals while traveling to and from Cragmont and one meal while we are out skiing Monday. We also might go out to a movie or bowling, if time and energy permit.

Please fill out and return the form below along with a \$10 deposit to register. We will then send you more detailed information about the retreat and try to help you with travel arrangements if you need them. We are limited in space during winter; therefore, the number of participants will be limited to 50. Get your registration in early.

.....  
Cragmont Assembly, 1233 North Fork Road, Black Mountain, NC 28711

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_



**Tentative Schedule:**

Friday, November 29—8:00  
p.m.—Opening Service

Saturday, November 30—Morn-  
ing—Bible Study and Music

Afternoon—Free for Your  
Own Adventures

Evening—Service

Sunday, December 1—7:00  
a.m.—Worship Service

7:45 a.m.—Breakfast

8:45 a.m.—Homeward Bound

(The early time for Sunday Worship is to  
enable us to get ahead of the Thanksgiving  
Holiday traffic as we head for home.)

**CORNERSTONE**

**Fall Women's Mini Retreat**  
**Cragmont Assembly,**  
**Black Mountain, North Carolina**  
Friday, November 29, 1991—  
Sunday, December 1, 1991  
(Thanksgiving Weekend)

**COST: \$10.00 Registration**

**35.00 Balance Due on Arrival**

**\$45.00 Total Cost**

(Includes 2 nights, 3 meals on Saturday,  
1 meal on Sunday.)

If you have questions, please call Becky Jo  
Sumner, (919) 332-6810.

Mail registration fee and the form below to: Becky Jo Sumner, Route 4, Box 410, Ahoskie, NC 27910.

**REGISTRATION FOR CORNERSTONE—1991**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

List names of those you want to room with.

\_\_\_\_\_

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**BULGARIA**

by Willem van der Plas

The Bulgarian population is a little over 9 million people, of which 6½ million are "original" Bulgarians. The largest minority groups are formed by Turks, gypsies, Macedonians and Jews. Between them there are ethnic misunderstanding and discrepancy. To reach Bulgaria, we traveled through Germany, Austria, Hungary, Romania, to Sophia, the capital which is a distance of over 1,600 miles. We started our return on August 16, via Yugoslavia, Hungary, Austria and Germany to the Netherlands. We covered a distance of over 7,000 km., which is more than 4,375 miles in about five weeks' time.

Romania and Bulgaria can be considered poor countries, where many people live on a poverty line which is equal to Third-World

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form our Board of Foreign Missions, which stands behind us in an excellent way.

We believe that we are able to establish enough relations to come through the wintertime; and on the other hand, we do have to learn how to solve the problems as well as we are able.

The Bulgarian Christians have asked us to request prayers for them and their nation wherever we can. Let all Free Will Baptists in the USA, in Mexico, in India, and in the Philippines join us in prayer for the Lord's mercy on the East European people.

We count on your prayers. Slava na Boga (praise the Lord).

## NEWS FROM INDIA



The Woman's Auxiliary of the Free Will Baptist Church in India has been set up since 1990 at Bareilly, with a view to form such auxiliaries in all the congregations. The work is in progress and we hope that this organization will become effective in a year or two. We expect that our auxiliaries will contribute largely to the ministry of the church in India and Nepal.

There is a growing interest among our youth in the churches who are becoming greatly alive to the responsibility of the church in winning the lost souls. On vacations or on holidays, our youth join with their respective deacon or minister in the preaching mission, which is gaining momentum in all our churches. We are happy to see our young men contributing to the task ahead of our church and pray that they may be filled with the Holy Spirit and bring the entire country in the fold of the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation.

countries. Yugoslavia is in chaos because of the present civil war. It is a problem to help these countries on a large scale program, because the capital and the businesses are in the hands of the party-elites (communists). In such a way, we help those who were the oppressors for so many years into a prominent position.

The Lord is leading us into the right directions and to the right people. We enjoyed His protection and His leadership; He is on our side—there is nothing to fear.

Many of the Bulgarians made us promise to return as soon as possible; we have already made good friends over there. We communicated through English, mostly with the youth, and in German, with the older people. Some spoke French much better than we could. A few Bulgarian words we spoke softened people at a gas station so much so that they brought us a lot of tomatoes and cucumbers. According to our hotel manager, Yanko, Pastor Bedros Altunyan and Professor Detchko Svilenov, it will be a hard time in the coming winter. A lack of fuel, electricity, water and food is expected. We believe that we can deal with those problems and that the Lord will provide our needs. Please do not worry about us and do not try to send us food packages unless we ask for them. That may cause conflict situations in our direct environment. If there is an urgent need, we will in-

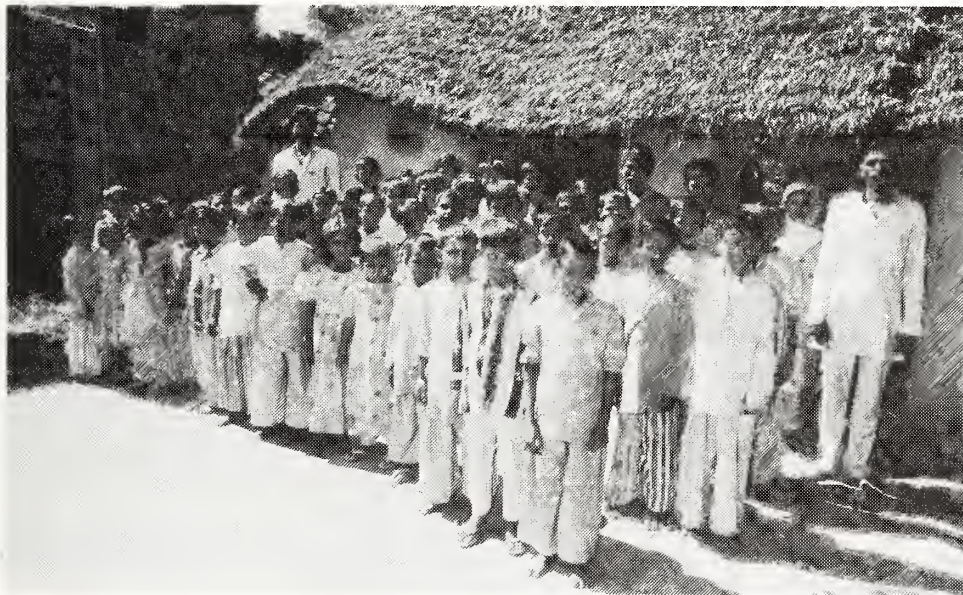


## FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH LAUNCHED IN NEPAL

by Dr. E. M. Lall



Our schools are yet championing in imparting quality education. The enrollment is growing day-by-day, so much so that we are not able to keep pace. Our schools, to the level of elementary standard and that of the level of Junior High Schools, are well recognized in public as well as in the government. These institutions are the stepping stone of our ministry.



Prior to the declaration of secularism in the country of Nepal, I had the privilege of meeting one old man of 82 years from our country who lived and worked in Nepal for all his life. I had discussed with him the prospect of introducing our church work in Nepal. He was rather scared and told me that Nepal is a sovereign state and that several missionaries were arrested, jailed and killed for proselyting activities. He also warned me that the consequences would be bad. However, I insisted upon him just to introduce me to some Nepalis who could converse with me either in Hindi or in English. A time was fixed that I and my secretary, Mr. Pramod March, dashed to West Nepal and met a group of people who did talk to us and showed interest in our conversation with them. They were utterly frustrated with their country's affairs and were longing for future hope. I convinced them that the future hope in abundance lies only with the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Saviour of all mankind, whether Indian or Nepali.

They found interest in us and we started sending them Christian literature and gospel portions secretly for almost two years. Twice, the Rev. Harold Jones, our director, helped us supply Bibles and New Testaments to them; which we did. As our association grew with them and as freedom of religion was secured in Nepal, we took the opportunity to appoint a trained pastor who works for our church and who did a great deal of evangelization in an effective manner in these six months. We visited the work in Nepal again in June 1991.

In early August 1991, a group of members of our church in Nepal visited Bareilly and stayed in our home. They had heart-to-heart

### State Layman's League Convention

Shiloh Church  
November 16  
7:30 p.m.



fellowship with us. They were fully equipped with the necessary training to preach and win souls for the Lord Jesus Christ. We collected Hindi and Nepali Bibles, New Testaments, gospel portions and story books, and reached Nepal on August 29, 1991. The two persons who accompanied me were Mr. Pramod March, our secretary, and Mr. V. Lambert, our administrative officer. We left by our old car, No. U.S.E. 5356, and were thinking that it would hardly bring us back home, since it needs a lot of repair, like a new battery and four tires. We drove through a dense forest, called the Duddua Forest, within a range of 30 miles. It is a national forest, having various dangerous animals, like lions, panthers and black elephants, besides deer of two kinds and plenty of snakes, small and big. We were not supposed to stop the car on the road, to slow the speed below 60 miles per hour, or to leave panes of the doors opened. We had a fine time to cross and to reach the border of West Nepal.

I have not read enough literature of Nepal, but I was told by the Nepalis that the country's length is 1,088 miles, consisting of 300,000 in population. India is 22 times bigger than Nepal. We have made our church headquarters at Basantpur, in the State of Senti Anchal, where from Kathmandu is about 700 miles. Plane services are available from Delhito Kathmandu and from Dhangarhi, which is about five miles from our work center.

Our work will be carried on in the villages viz Tikapur, Bhajania, Hasulia, Tisapani, Jugeda, Jeta, Jaria, Lalpur, Jhalari, Bilori, Kaluapura and Shantipur, covering a radius of 50 miles, with the population of half a million. We have a minister and two deacons presently posted in Nepal. Mr. Nitca Bhadur Thapa, his wife Renu, and two school boys with the Rev. S. Lawrence, visited Bareilly on September 3,

and lived with us for a week for training purposes. They have gone back with a new inspiration and encouragement, with the hope that they will soon be baptizing about 100 people, who are seeking the Lord Jesus Christ.

The church in India is also supporting a school boy of Nepal whose name is Shiv Bhadur Bam. He is a very intelligent boy of class XI, but is so poor that he could not afford education.

We are convinced that it is His will that a great work of soul saving be done through our church in the country of Nepal. We need your prayers as we move in this new field of work where the word of the king is law.

## EVANGELISM CHALLENGE IN THE PHILIPPINES

by the Rev. Jaapal Ontong

Last July 2-3, 1991, the new Executive Committee of the Evangelism Department of the Free Will Baptist Church Philippines held its first meeting at the Evangelism Department office. One of the agenda items dealt with a proposal of having a conference. After a peaceful discussion, encouraging and sharing, the committee agreed together and made a motion that the Evangelism Department of the Free Will Baptist Church, Philippines, sponsor a conference with the theme, "Harvest Truly Is



## EMANUEL EL SALVADOR CHURCH

Piedras Negras, Coah

Pastor, Juan Montoya

Preparing Teachers for the Department of Education

by Antonio Escobar

Last month we had a seminar on teaching how to work with children. There were in the seminar three church ladies from the city of Monterrey, Nuevo Leon. They conducted studies for an entire week with those brothers and sisters in the Lord who feel in their hearts a need to teach children. In the seminar, they were taught how to approach children and lead them to the Lord.

They were taught how to study and use the materials according to the ages of the children. We expect to continue this same education program next year with the intent of upgrading the work in the churches.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST



Plenteous." This three-day evangelism challenge will be held on December 3-6, 1991. The registration will be on December 3, 1991, from 8-11 a.m., at the Evangelism Department office, Free Will Baptist Building #2, Dagomboy Village, Puerto Princesa City.

The accommodations will limit registration to 50 persons, because of limited funds.

Please pray for this evangelism challenge, that God will prepare the participants spiritually and supply all needs for this challenge.

Do pray for the lecturers and speakers that they might be used of God mightily in this evangelism challenge.

## MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE DINNERS



The Mount Olive College dinners provide an excellent oppor-

tunity to learn about the service Mount Olive extends to its students, the Free Will Baptist Church, and the people of eastern North Carolina. The dinners also provide good food, fellowship, and sparkling entertainment by the Mount Olive College Singers. Check the date and time of the dinner in your area and plan to attend. The November schedule is listed below.

*Duplin County*, Saturday, November 2, 6 p.m., East Duplin High School near Beulaville, William D. Thigpen, chairman. Goal: \$13,100.

*Johnston-Wake Counties*, Monday, November 4, 7 p.m., Everett Chapel FWB Church, Spiritual Life Building, Clayton, V. T. Craddock, chairman. Goal: \$41,250.

*Craven County*, Thursday, November 7, 7 p.m., West Craven Middle School near New Bern, Marice DeBruhl, chairman. Goal: \$19,550.

*Carteret County*, Saturday, November 9, 6 p.m., West Carteret High School, Morehead City, Reginald Styron and Nathan Garner, co-chairmen. Goal: \$19,800.

*Pitt County*, Tuesday, November 12, 7 p.m., D. H. Conley High School near Winterville, Tim Tyndall, chairman. Goal: \$29,350.

*Washington-Martin-Tyrrell Counties*, Thursday, November 14, 7:30 p.m., Washington County Union School, Roper, David Cahoon, chairman. Goal: \$9,950.

*Wilson County*, Monday, November 18, 7 p.m., Beddingfield High School near Wilson, James B. Hunt, chairman. Goal: \$36,000.

*Sampson-Harnett-Cumberland Counties*, Thursday, November 21, 7 p.m. Clinton-Sampson Agri-Civic Center, Clinton, C. Felton Godwin and Lee Morton Jernigan, co-chairmen. Goal: \$20,875.



**Free Will Baptist Fellowship Officers at Mount Olive College**—FWB Fellowship officers and committee chairpersons have been appointed at Mount Olive College. Pictured in Rodgers Chapel are, from left, front row, Tim Strickland of Selma, program chairman; Sharon Messer of Lanwood Chapel Church, Johnston County, treasurer; Melanie Swinson of Harmony Church, Wilson County, secretary; Tracy McCoy of Core Creek Church, Craven County, president; and Darren Davenport of Reedy Branch Church, Pitt County, vice president. In the middle row are Thomas Johnson of Efland, publicity; Jill Watkins of Spring Hill Church, Wayne County, publicity; Janet Corbitt of Shiloh Church, Beaufort County, benevolence; Beverly Thornton of Aspen Grove Church, Wilson County, pianist; and Dianne B. Riley, advisor. In the back row are John Harris of Powhatan Church, Johnston County, publicity; Kevin Smith of Virginia Beach, Virginia, social chairman; and Mike Price of Seven Springs and David Ealy of Aurora, Colorado, song leaders. The purpose of the FWB Fellowship is to provide opportunities for Christian fellowship, service, and worship. The group also provides programs concerning Christian commitment and offers opportunities to develop leadership ability (photo by Patti O'Donoghue).





## SCENES FROM THE 1991 BRIDGE BUILDERS DINNER

### WERE YOU THERE?



A symbolic "bridge" — These FWB Fellowship members pose near a symbolic "bridge" which they fashioned as a decoration for the annual dinner. Pictured from left, Brian "Buddy" Jones of Plymouth First Church, Washington County; Jill Watkins, Spring Hill Church, Wayne County; Phillip Carden, White Oak Church, Bladen County; Mike Price of Seven Springs; and Tracy McCoy, Core Creek Church, Craven County.



Inspirational music—Julia and Jack Bircher of Core Creek Church, Craven County, entertain and inspire as only they can.





**Dinner conversation**—Chris and Charlie Greene of High point, center, enjoy dinner conversation with Pepper Worthington, right, and Teresa Hines, executive secretary to Dr. Raper, left. Dr. K. David Hines is also pictured at far left. Mrs. Greene donated furniture for the new Administration Building.



**Relaxing after dinner**—From left, the Rev. Melvin Everington, pastor of Long Ridge Church, Duplin County, and his wife Lois Everington, and Dr. Billy Yawn, pastor of Union Grove Church, Wayne County, and his wife Virginia Yawn, relax after dinner. The Rev. C. Felton Godwin, pastor of West Clinton Church, Sampson County, is also pictured (photos by Patti O'Donoghue).

**Congressman Lancaster is speaker**—Pictured following the Bridge Builders dinner are, from left, Jean F. Ackiss, MOC director of Church Support and coordinator of Free Will Baptist gift support dinners; Third District Congressman H. Martin Lancaster, speaker; Dorothy Whitley, MOC dean of Instruction; and the Honorable Arnold O. Jones, who introduced Lancaster. Ms. Whitley is holding a copy of *Church Growth and Evangelism* by Dr. K. David Hines. The book, which was released at the dinner, is the latest publication from MOC Press.



### **THE HONORABLE H. MARTIN LANCASTER ADDRESSES MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE BRIDGE BUILDERS**

Dr. Pepper Worthington  
Writer-in-Residence  
Mount Olive College

"Martin Lancaster knows what it's like to work for something," declared Judge Arnold O. Jones as he introduced The Honorable H. Martin Lancaster, congressman from North Carolina's Third Congressional District.

More than 400 people gathered in College Hall for the Mount Olive College Bridge Builders Appreciation Dinner on September 28. Mrs. Jean F. Ackiss, director

of church support at the College, coordinated this evening of food, fellowship, and appreciation that will be remembered by the Bridge Builders attending.

Judge Jones reviewed Congressman Lancaster's youth. In 1961, Mr. Lancaster graduated first in his class from Pikeville High School. He then chose the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for both his

undergraduate and graduate college work, received his law degree, joined the U. S. Navy, and returned to Goldsboro to practice law.

"Once," Judge Jones concluded his introduction, "I was asked to state in 25 words or less what Martin Lancaster was like. I told the political committee that Martin does what he believes in. I said

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H. Martin Lancaster

that they may not always agree with what Martin believes, but they could be sure that Martin believes in what he is doing."

Applause erupted.

The Bridge Builders were ready to hear what Congressman Lancaster had to say. In 1987, Mr. Lancaster sought the seat of the Third Congressional District and won. He has been there since.

"We are here tonight to give thanks first to God," began Congressman Lancaster. "Then we want to give thanks to the people who make up this educational institution and who support it. I believe the *bridge builder* is an appropriate image, because a bridge builder seeks to prepare a way for generations to come," he said.

In discussing the image of the bridge builder, Congressman Lancaster read W. A. Dromgoole's poem, "The Bridge Builder." Poet Dromgoole created an "old gray" man who was "traveling a lone highway" when he came to a "deep and wide chasm." The old man was not afraid. He crossed the chasm, but once he made it to the other side of the "sullen stream," he built a bridge. Why? He had already made it across, so why was it necessary for him to build a bridge?

The old man explained that following him was "a youth." In a moment of love, the gray-headed man declared, "This stream which has been as naught to me, To that fair-haired boy may a pit-fall be."

In short, the old man cared for the boy who followed. He was concerned about the boy's difficulty in crossing the chasm. "And what did he do?" asked Congressman Lancaster. "He built a bridge, a special act to show a special kind of love called charity."

The Mount Olive College Bridge Builders, likewise, seek to prepare students for the life ahead. The College's bond with the Free Will Baptist Church illustrates the College's emphasis upon moral dimensions of education. "A complete education includes more than just learning facts. Education involves the whole person: the brain, heart, and soul," Congressman Lancaster said. "Students need the tools to make a living but they also need a commitment to make a life. A complete education must involve educating our youth with moral principles. Mount Olive College was founded in the discipline and charity of Christianity," he declared.

To clarify how important a discipline of moral principles is to modern education, Congressman Lancaster reminded us of the needs and ills of our society. Work needs to be done. We need a vaccine to rid the world of meningitis and AIDS. We need a moral commitment to rid the world of the greed of cheaters at the New York Stock Exchange. We need artists to illustrate wholesome books, not pornographic literature. We need skillful actors and musicians who send out messages of moral commitment rather than sounds of drugs, sex, and evil.

"Good skills can turn bad if a moral discipline is missing," Congressman Lancaster declared. "We are the bridge builders and we are the ones who must help our

youth over the pitfalls. We must build our bridges to assure the safety of our young men and women so that they can go on and become bridge builders themselves," he concluded.

### NEWEST PUBLICATION OF THE MOC PRESS IS INTRODUCED

Dr. K. David Hines spoke from the heart as he introduced the newest publication of the Mount Olive College Press during the Bridge Builders dinner. Dr. Hines serves the College as director of Education for Christian Ministries and as a professor of Religion. He frequently conducts workshops on Church Growth and Evangelism. His book is an applied theology text and church manual for contemporary Free Will Baptist Church development and ministry.

The following is the text of Dr. Hines' remarks.

This is an exciting evening for me. Here I am surrounded by some of the best people I know—Original Free Will Baptists.

I have been nurtured by the Free Will Baptist Church for all my life. I do not remember a time when I was not being supported by our church. As a boy, I learned about Jesus in the Sunday School of the Winterville Free Will Baptist Church. I'm very happy to see my Primary Sunday School teacher, Mrs. Corinia, here tonight.

It was in that same church during a Saturday night revival meeting that I received Jesus Christ as my Saviour. Through my involvement in my church with youth groups, I began to develop my understanding of evangelism.

I continued to learn what it meant to be a Christian through my experiences at Cragmont. There, friendships were made that have continued to sustain me. It was at Cragmont that I



accepted God's call to the gospel ministry.

Even as a teenager, I knew that the call to the ministry was a call to prepare. I chose to begin that process of formal preparation at our college, Mount Olive. Seeking to be prepared for ministry meant that I stayed in school for a long time—a lot longer than I ever dreamed. I felt then, as I do now, that the Christian ministry demands our very best efforts.

In order to be prepared to serve God wherever He would want me, several years ago I went back to school to pursue doctoral studies. The major focus of this program was the ministry of evangelism. I read and studied a broad variety of material on evangelism. But I never read a single book by a Free Will Baptist or a book which was written to address the unique needs of Free Will Baptists.

While I do not believe that Free Will Baptists are the only group on the way to Heaven, I believe we do have a heritage and doctrine of which we can be proud. It has been my desire to develop a text to help expand the witness of our denomination. There is no greater joy than knowing Jesus Christ. We have good news! It must be shared!



Dr. David Hines autographs a copy of his book.

I am happy to be able to present my book this evening. You are Bridge Builders. You are people who believe in investing in the future. The future of our Church depends upon our willingness to share with others the joy we have found in Christ. This investment in the future is the work of evangelism.

This is an exciting evening for me. I am surrounded by

friends—Free Will Baptists. I am especially proud that my family, my parents, my grandparents, and my very best friend—my wife Teresa—are here to share this occasion with me.

It is my prayer that God will use my book, *Church Growth and Evangelism*, to extend the ministry of the Free Will Baptist Church. I pray that God will richly bless you all. Thank you.

#### OPEN HOUSE AT MOC'S NEW ADMINISTRATION BUILDING



At the Open House—Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hales of Zebulon, left, visit with Rose M. Raper, right, during Open House for the new Administration Building. Mrs. Hales is a descendant of the Hart Family for whom Hart Hall was named.

It felt like a grand party as Mount Olive College administrative personnel proudly conducted tours of their new home, an 8,000 square foot Administration Building. Free Will Baptists, who were on campus for the annual Bridge Builders Dinner, took the opportunity to walk through the administrative offices. Almost all of the furniture, donated by various friends of the College, is in place and landscaping is underway.

The new Administration Building, a gift of the W. Roy Poole Family of Kinston, houses the office of the president, MOC Press, bookstore, business office, admissions, financial aid, development and gift support, planning and support services, and public information. For the first time in 25 years, the administrative services of Mount Olive College are under one roof.



## MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE DINING HALL PROJECT UPDATE

Mount Olive College is moving steadily toward the goal of \$2 million for the dining hall project. The campaign, which began a year ago, has raised approximately \$1.3 million in gifts and pledges. As soon as the funds are secured to underwrite the entire project, contracts can be awarded.

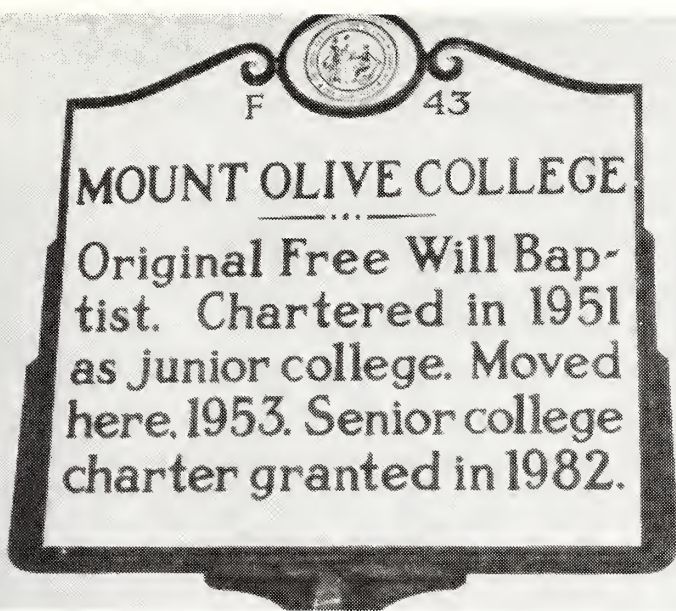
The 20,000 square foot building will seat 600, including private dining rooms with seating capacities of 25, 50, and 100. The new dining hall will help Mount Olive to serve better its students and the numerous church, community, and civic groups which use its facilities each year. The budget includes paving for the College Hall parking lot which will serve both buildings.

Free Will Baptist Churches making gifts and pledges include:

### A NEW DINING HALL FOR MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE (Gifts and Pledges of FWB Churches Through September 30, 1991)

Church	Albemarle Conference Pastor	Amount	Davis Church		1,000.00
			Gethsemane Church	Lonnie Mann	500.00
Hickory Chapel Church	Robert M. May	\$ 5,000.00	Holly Springs Church (New-		
Malachi's Chapel Church	Royce Reynolds	1,000.00	port)	J. C. Yates	10,000.00*
Trinity Church (Beaufort)	N. D. Beaman	1,000.00	May's Chapel Church	Dwayne Jones	2,000.00
Total		\$ 7,000.00	Northeast Church	A. B. Bryan	2,500.00
			Smith's New Home Church	Walter Sutton	160.00
			Sound View Church	Graham Lane	21,000.00*
			First Church, Warsaw	Grady Davis	2,000.00
			Westside Church	Wayne King	2,000.00
			White Oak Grove Church	C. L. Patrick	2,500.00
			Total		\$ 55,660.00
				Western Conference	
			First Church, Durham	Fred Johnson	\$ 5,000.00
			Kenly Church	James V. Joyner	1,500.00
			Little Rock Church	De Wayne Eakes	1,000.00
			Marsh Swamp Church	Ray Wells	10,000.00*
			Marsh Swamp Layman's		
			League		1,000.00
			Marsh Swamp Men &		
			Women's SS Class		1,000.00
			Marsh Swamp Sunday		
			School		2,000.00
			Micro Church	Clyde Cox	2,000.00
			New Sandy Hill Church		3,000.00
			Pleasant Hill Church	Henry Armstrong Jr.	1,000.00
			Saint Mary's Church		
			(Kenly)	Ray Everton	3,000.00
			Spring Hill Church	David Cauley	2,500.00
			Stoney Creek Church	Gary Bailey	10,000.00*
			Union Grove Church	Billy Yawn	10,000.00
			Total		\$ 53,000.00
				Pee Dee Conference	
			Beaverdam Church	William J. Godwin	\$ 5,000.00
			Thomasboro Church	Jerome Jenrette	200.00
			Total		\$ 5,200.00
				Piedmont Conference	
			Piedmont Conference		\$ 300.00
				State-Wide Bodies	
			NCFWB Woman's Auxiliary		
			Convention		\$ 12,000.00*
			NCFWB Youth Fellowship		
			Auxiliary		5,000.00
			Total		\$ 17,000.00
			GRAND TOTAL		\$224,203.76
				*Members of the Head Table Club	
				Have you and your church made your pledge(s)?	





IT'S THE BIRTHDAY OF  
MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

1951-1991

AND ALL FRIENDS  
ARE INVITED

Saturday, November 23, 1991  
11 a.m.  
College Hall

### OUR FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY

- A Time to Give Thanks
- A Time to Recognize Our Leaders and Donors
- A Time to Chart Our Future

### The Program Will Include

Noted Speakers

Music by the Mount Olive College Singers

Important Announcements Regarding Future Directions for Mount Olive College

(Our annual Founders Day service will be combined with our Fortieth Anniversary program this year.)

Lunch: 12:15 p.m.

Cost: \$6.17—the amount of money Mount Olive College had when the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists voted to purchase the old elementary school building for the purpose of locating the College in Mount Olive.

### For Reservations

Complete and mail the form below to: Dr. W. Burkette Raper, President, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, NC 28365; (919) 658-2502

Your reservation(s) is needed by November 19. Please make your check payable to Mount Olive College.

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### FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

#### Reply Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Tickets, Price: 1—\$6.17; 2—\$12.34; 3—\$18.51; 4—\$24.68; 5—\$30.84; 6—\$37.02





by Virginia L. Davis

## THANKSGIVING



We are approaching the Thanksgiving Season and that special holiday that reminds us that we have been recipients of God's bounty for another year. With that in mind, it may be well for us to remember its beginnings and honor those who helped make it a custom that we can appreciate and value.

Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November, a custom probably originating when the English farmers observed their annual harvest. William Bradford decreed the first Thanksgiving Day celebration December 13, 1621, at Plymouth, Mass. It spread to the neighboring colonies and became an annual event. George Washington, recognizing its importance in the community, issued the first proclamation of Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 1789. The celebration remained on that date until 1863, at which time President Lincoln established the last Thursday of November as a legal holiday.

The Pilgrims, victims of persecution in their beloved homeland England, escaped to Holland, having heard that freedom of religion and liberty to worship as one desired were available for everyone. The customs of the Dutch were unacceptable to them; and with war between Holland and Spain on the horizon, they sent a delegation back to England for a land grant and to negotiate financial backing to plan a voyage to the New World. After several attempts to start their venture, they were finally able to sail on the Mayflower. The crossing was extremely hazardous, with high winds and mountainous seas leaving them dependant upon their small craft and the mercies of God for safe passage. Landing far north of their grant in an inhospitable climate, facing hardships of which we cannot imagine, they set about to establish a colony dedicated to the religious principles they so highly respected.

Their first winter proved almost disastrous! The rough huts they attempted to set up were not sufficient shelters, thus exposure and lack of proper nutrition left almost half of their group dead by spring. The graves outnumbered their dwellings. Their contact with the Indians was the one thing that enabled them to survive. The Indians taught them how to plant corn and other new crops, to hunt for fowl and game, to work the sea for its treasures.

These combined efforts enabled them to consolidate their resources and to spread a bountiful feast for the entire colony and their Indian friends.

According to history, their only successful crops that summer were barley and corn; but with an effective hunt, they were able to celebrate the first Thanksgiving by feasting and praising God. We cannot compare our tender turkeys, sugar-cured hams, our special desserts or other delicacies with their meager fare. Tea was obtained from leaves and roots. Their bread was made from crushed corn and baked on open fires. Items that today we think are essential were not there for their convenience. But after a winter of deprivation, what a marvelous feast! Even though they were heavily in debt to the supporting companies in England and facing a winter with inadequate stores, they expressed their gratitude by praising and thanking God.

A most disconcerting story is told in Luke 17:11-19. Ten men, their bodies ravaged by leprosy, isolated from society by their disease, stood apart and cried to Jesus for healing. Observing the Law, He instructed them to show themselves to the priest. As they went their way, they were cleansed! One of the men, realizing that he had been healed, turned back to glorify God. And falling down before Jesus, he gave thanks. Jesus asked, "Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?" We feel the disappointment felt by Jesus as He asked this question. Then, upon hearing it, bow our heads as we think of the many times we have failed to express our thanks for His special favors.

As we remember that first Thanksgiving Day, may we show our gratitude for the example of individuals who survived numerous hardships, who saw the death of fellow-shipmates and loved ones, who were homesick in an "alien" world, but who, regardless of these circumstances, were faithful to give thanks.

We have so very much for which we can be grateful as we celebrate Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 1991. In a world where others may not be privileged to experience the same freedoms we enjoy in our country, let us not forget to give thanks. The formula for true thanksgiving is given in Ephesians 5:20, "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."



# The RICH YOUNG RULERS

By Ron Wilson

LITTLE OF THE  
FAMED BABY  
BOOMER  
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IALISM GOES  
TOWARD FINDING  
WAYS TO FEED  
THE HUNGRY,  
HOUSE THE  
HOMELESS, AND  
PLEAD THE CASE  
FOR THE POOR.

**W**ho is going to solve the problems of poverty in the 1990s? Who is going to house the homeless, feed the hungry, and lift the crushing weight of destitution off the backs of 1 billion men, women, and children around the world?

*It won't be Christian baby boomers!*

That discouraging conclusion comes from a new survey of 27-through 45-year-olds in 15 evangelical churches in Philadelphia. While an overwhelming 98 percent of those surveyed said the church should be involved in reaching the poor, only one out of five averages more than a half hour a week taking part in such ministries.

The poll also revealed Christian baby boomers:

- have little idea of the extent of poverty in the world;
- are puzzled about the relationship between social action and evangelism;
- charge the government with the primary responsibility for helping the poor;
- place poverty ministries low on a list of important programs for the local church.

The survey, conducted for *World Vision* magazine by the graduate school of business at Eastern College, portrays a generation confused about the causes and cures of poverty and doing little about it.

Baby boomers, of course, are the 76 million much-studied-and-written-about people born between 1946 and 1964; a generation that grew up with the Vietnam War, the civil rights riots, and Watergate. Some were hippies and many are yuppies, and while their world has often been in turmoil, they've lived, for the most part, in economic good times.

Of the boomers questioned in this survey, 63 percent had annual incomes of \$35,000 or higher. The baby boomers are the best-educated generation in history (68 percent who responded to this survey had college degrees) and they want things *now* (which may explain their frustration when problems such as hunger and homelessness don't respond to a quick fix).

*Will the Poor Always  
Be With Us?*

"I just have this feeling," said an engineer who relies on his problem-solving skills for a living, "that if people were better educated and smarter, they'd have the resources to know how to

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work out of their poverty situation."

Almost half of those surveyed agreed that the chief cause of poverty in this country is inadequate education. An insurance salesman from a comfortable Philadelphia suburb echoed the engineer. Steve, 33, leaves his home each morning and drives to another suburb via the Main Line, which runs through one upscale

responsible for their own situations. Nearly half blamed overpopulation as a primary cause of world poverty and named Third World government policies as a close second.

These boomers usually blamed society's shortfalls, rather than any one individual's shortcomings. Cindy, a theology student and mother of three from an affluent Philadelphia suburb, ex-

lives in Philadelphia's inner city, voiced the frustration many boomers feel over what to do. "I'd like to think that individuals and families could take care of the poor," he lamented. "But the job is so complex today it's going to take the government, private industry, and church groups."

When we asked the respondents, "Who do you feel has *primary* responsibility to care for

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## SURVEY

### **Evangelism is more important than social action.**

Agree—39%  
Disagree—50%  
No Opinion—11%

### **Social action is more important than evangelism.**

Agree—21%  
Disagree—67%  
No opinion—12%

### **It is more important for my church to be involved in**

### **evangelism than in ministries aimed at improving the economic conditions of the poor.**

Agree—27%  
Disagree—59%  
No opinion—14%

### **The church's only mission is to evangelize unbelievers.**

Agree—4%  
Disagree—92%  
No opinion—4%

### **Christian mission should involve social action.**

Agree—87%  
Disagree—3%  
No opinion—10%

### **When considering the mission of the church . . .**

- A. Social action is not important—2%
- B. Social action is a means to evangelism—17%
- C. Social action is a natural outgrowth of evangelism—38%
- D. Social action is as important as evangelism yet unrelated—8%
- E. Evangelism and social action are equal partners—35%

neighborhood after another. "I never see poverty from one month to the next," he confesses. "You have to go out of your way around here to look for it." But he suspects that, "given the same opportunities as everyone else to learn, the poor would be in different circumstances."

The roots of poverty these baby boomers named—lack of education, the breakdown of families, government policies—all tend to cast the blame on someone else and not the victims. In fact, 94 percent agreed that poverty is not usually the fault of the person who is poor.

Poverty outside the United States, however, is a different matter. Three of the top four causes cited for world poverty make the poor themselves or Third World countries in general

pressed the sentiments of the majority when she said, "God doesn't just stand there and say, 'You'll be rich and you'll be poor.' Social structures have done it."

The survey listed "selfishness" as one of a long list of possible causes of both world and domestic poverty. But in spite of Christian doctrine which emphasizes the self-centeredness of individuals, only 15 percent laid the blame on the sinful nature of men and women. Steve, the Philadelphia insurance salesman and a deacon in a Southern Baptist church, was one of those. "A world with a sinful nature pits one person against another," he mourned, "so we'll always have the oppressed and the disadvantaged."

### *So, Who's Responsible?*

Lenny, a social worker who

the poor?" 42 percent agreed with the social worker. "Individuals can do only a little bit at a time," said a school teacher from Virginia. "But government is a superstructure already set up for people to work through."

This hardly jives with the reputed distrust baby boomers normally exhibit toward institutions, including the government and its ability to solve social problems. As a rule they don't like big government.

More than half of those surveyed, however, charged no one clearly with the task. Only 14 percent said the church has primary responsibility for the poor. Another 14 percent charged "individuals" with the task, and 13 percent said the poor themselves are most responsible for helping themselves.



These boomers were more sure of their answers when the question was worded, "Who do you think *Scripture* asks to do the job?" An overwhelming 81 percent nominated the church; seven out of 10 also assigned the task to "individuals who care"; and two-thirds said that neighbors were responsible as well.

Evidence of the boomers' lack of confidence in established in-

afternoons trying to keep kids out of trouble. Also, about once a month he goes to the Union Rescue Mission in downtown Los Angeles to help serve food or wash clothes or just talk with lonely people. And, oh yes, Mitch is a Big Brother. Every week he spends some time with a boy who needs his friendship.

Still, Mitch agrees with 86 percent of the boomers we surveyed

Philadelphia social worker, are exceptions. Mitch drives past unemployed Mexican men on his way to work each day, and Lenny can hardly step outside his front door without stepping over someone in need.

But many boomers drive from home to the office to church to the mall to the tennis court and back home without ever seeing poverty. Oh, these boomers help when

### **Poverty is usually the fault of the person who is poor.**

Agree—6%  
Disagree—88%  
No opinion—6%

### **Poverty is often the result of societal problems.**

Agree—84%  
Disagree—11%  
No opinion—6%

### **God takes the side of the poor and the oppressed.**

Agree—53%  
Disagree—27%  
No opinion—20%

### **Most people have earned the level of wealth they have attained.**

Agree—22%  
Disagree—58%  
No opinion—20%

### **I believe the church should be actively involved in ministries to the poor.**

Agree—98%  
Disagree—1%  
No opinion—2%

### **I am doing enough to help the poor.**

Agree—6%  
Disagree—87%  
No opinion—8%

### **In the past three months, how many hours did you contribute to programs providing assistance to the poor?**

None—45%  
1-2—16%  
3-5—17%  
6-10—7%  
Over 10-15—15%

### **How much money have you contributed to ministries to the poor within the past three months?**

0-\$25—32%  
\$26-\$50—21%  
\$51-\$100—15%  
\$101-\$200—9%  
Over \$200—23%

stitutions was hinted at when they were asked about the mission of the church. Yes, the Great Commission demands that we all meet the physical needs of the poor. But boomers place it low on the church's priority list. Spiritual growth of individuals, they indicated, is the top priority for the church; evangelism comes next; then worship. Only a third listed social concerns as one of the church's top three priorities.

### ***And What Are You Doing About It?***

When Mitchell was a boy in Medina, Ohio, his father died. Everyone in his neighborhood helped, he remembers. "I never had the feeling I was left out." So Mitch, now a 31-year-old air conditioning systems salesman in Pasadena, CA, spends Friday

who say they're not doing enough to help those in need. Mitchell, however, is doing much more than his contemporaries, most of whom, by their own admission, are not involved.

With notable exceptions, it seems, little of the famed baby boomer entrepreneurialism goes toward finding ways to feed the hungry, house the homeless, and plead the case for the poor. Only one out of five of those we surveyed had given more than five hours in the past three months toward helping the poor. And, in spite of a reported trend in volunteerism, almost half had given no time at all.

Many boomers admitted that they not only aren't involved, they're not even aware. Mitch, the Pasadena air conditioning salesman, and Lenny, the

the church calls for canned goods for relief or takes holiday gift baskets to the poor. They'll send a check when the pictures of hollow-eyed, hungry refugees appear on television or in their mail. As Steve, the Philadelphia insurance man, said: "I don't go to North Philadelphia every morning looking for a hungry person. But when a need is brought to me and my family, we jump right in with everyone else and try to meet it."

### ***A Cup of Water or the Water of Life?***

Mitch remembers an old hymn he sang in grade school that went something like, "Whatsoever you do to the least of your brothers, that you do unto Me." That helps him explain why he volunteered to be a Big Brother. "I reach out to

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this boy because he has a need, but I also see it as a way I can tell him about Christ."

Most of the boomers we talked to weren't quite so certain about the relationship of evangelism and social action. Is evangelism more important than social action? Half of those surveyed said, "No." So, is social action more important than evangelism? Two-thirds ruled that out. Then perhaps they're equal partners? Only a third would agree to that.

What four out of five *would* agree on is that the Great Commission makes each of us responsible both for communicating the gospel and caring for the physical needs of our neighbors. On top of that, more than half agreed that Christians should spend equal time and money on evangelism and social action.

But the income level of these boomers affected their understanding of this relationship. Those with higher incomes were significantly more likely to believe that evangelism is more important than social action. Mid-level income groups were fairly evenly split, but those making less than \$20,000-a-year clearly indicated they believe social action is more important than evangelism.

Why? "I wonder," mused one boomer from the middle-income

group, "if people who make more money realize that it doesn't bring happiness, so they have more concern for someone's perception of life than for that person's material welfare."

Another boomer, college-educated but toward the lower end of the income scale, was not as charitable. "I could have a more philosophical view of life if I was insulated from economic need."

And still a third offered a blunt explanation: "Evangelism is cheaper."

Income also appeared to affect how people responded to the statement, "God takes the side of the poor and oppressed." Lower-income boomers generally agreed, but the agreement dropped sharply in those with incomes over \$50,000. And in the small group of those who make

over \$75,000, only 19 percent agreed that God shows any partiality. The survey provoked some deeply felt responses. "Thought-provoking and somewhat embarrassing," one confessed. "This subject is *very* subjective," another complained. "What is the stated definition of the poor?"

One young woman at the tail of the baby boom grumbled, "I don't believe we should hand everything to them [the poor] or allow them to shirk their responsibilities. The Bible says that if a man doesn't work he shouldn't eat."

Thankfully, she wasn't typical. Most of those we interviewed agreed with the man who admitted, "I realized how much I don't know and wasn't even concerned about these matters."

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## A BLIP IN THE HEARTBEAT OF THE BABY BOOM GENERATION

**L**enny Thompson's folks still live in the big house he lived in as a kid in Council Bluffs, Iowa. A lot of needy people went in and out of that house, Lenny remembers. "Mom and Dad had a lot of 'adopted' kids. If someone needed a place the door was open."

It worked the other way around as well. Lenny's dad, a machine operator for a construction company, was often out of work in the winter. But as Lenny recalls, "The church and family made sure we had enough."

Lenny, 33, is now a social worker in Philadelphia, living in a six-bedroom home with his wife, three children, and five other adults. His parents' example no doubt influenced his career decision as well as his style of life. But few baby boomers have chosen the simple lifestyle and moderate way of living Lenny has em-

braced. In fact, Lenny and others like him are blips on the cardiogram of the baby boomer generation.

Lenny's neighborhood, some three-and-a-half miles west of City Hall, has the ravaged, war-torn look so familiar in the inner-city. But Lenny's block, which is racially integrated, has telltale signs—clean streets, houses in better repair than adjoining blocks—of a community that has organized and developed a measure of civic pride.

He decries the idea of American individualism. He and the adults in his house have a finely honed sense of interdependence and shared resources, so they pool their assets to buy food as well as major purchases. "Many people have this idea that anyone who really tries can have the American Dream. If you have a

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### How Do Christian Baby Boomers Differ from Previous Generations?

- More autonomous, self-reliant, individualistic.
- More passive and focused inward.
- More interested in local holistic ministry causes than in world evangelization.
- Higher tolerance for diversity.
- Need for immediate gratification and results.
- Distrust of institutions and centralization.





## CALENDAR JOY

by David Mains

My wife and I are mismatched. We are opposite in almost every way. In fact, we've said to each other that we'd better develop some similarities, so that after our children have gone we'll have some common ties.

Karen is one of those instinct-impulse persons. A free spirit who can commit herself totally to short term projects, she becomes restless when they run longer than they're supposed to. She's literary and poetic, feels everything—all of life's glory and pain.

But she never balances her checkbook and refuses to run the household on a regular system. She will languish physically, then suddenly rise, phoenix-fashion, to do five days' work in 30 minutes, dash off countless articles, whip together a dinner for 40—simply because she feels like it. She is rarely predictable.

I like order. I am a list maker. I know exactly what the next week holds. I never miss appointments, love to plan ahead, faithfully mark anniversaries, and remember to send cards on special days. I'm a disciplinarian. I am consistent and generally predictable. Let's face it. I'm dull, always wondering whether it's garbage day or not.

To further complicate things, we have four children, each with his or her own distinct, strong personality. We have two full-time ministries, mine in Christian broadcasting and Karen's in writing. Top it all off with a dog and a cat, fish and a hermit crab, not to speak of house repairs, yard responsibilities, church activities, car schedules, and travel itineraries—does some of this sound familiar?

The miracle of God's work in our lives is that we do experience harmony. But it has not been achieved without a good deal of hard work, a submission to one another's callings and goals, and some special tools. One of them sounds like a very simple thing, but it works. It is the family calendar.

Families today are in a crunch: school schedules vie against work schedules, work schedules vie against church schedules—and all these vie against the needs of the family for time with each other.

"But I didn't know we were planning that!" can sound strangely like a battle cry. "Why didn't you tell me you were planning to go to that meeting?" can be dangerous words.

Our calendar, faithfully kept, keeps us from bumping into each other—and it also makes certain that we schedule family time. We are extremely careful about over-booking our calendar; we insist on free space. We don't take pride in seeing that every day of the week has things scribbled onto it. Sometimes our daughter will hear her mother or me say, "No, you can't babysit tonight. You've already worked too much as it is."

And I get after Karen for crowding one writing deadline against another until not only she, but all the rest of us are breathless just watching her fingers pounding the computer's keys. I catch it, too, when I take on too many speaking engagements and the family gets shortchanged.

To us, a jam-packed calendar is a sign of a lack of discipline, of not having established firm priorities, of being unable to say a healthy, "No!"

We schedule family times on our calendar just like going to see the doctor. If we don't write them in, other things will take their place. A night with my family is just as important as a speaking engagement. If it is blocked out, I won't fill it up as if it were an unscheduled evening.

My challenge: Start a family calendar. Add the church activities that concern you: youth meetings, choir practices, men's and women's meetings. Fill in your other commitments and special events. Block out evenings for families. Guard all open spaces carefully. Each member of the family needs private moments.

Obviously we are sold on calendaring. It's enabling Karen and me to function as a team, instead of pulling off in our own directions and getting nowhere as a family. We have eliminated some of those tense moments that our former careless scheduling produced. We're not all the way there yet, by any means, but we're working hard at it, smoothing out those rough spots that develop in the day-to-day relationships of any family.

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# A PERSPECTIVE ON EDUCATION FOR THE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

W. Burkette Raper, President  
Mount Olive College



He was an intelligent looking young man—bright face, clear eyes, honest countenance, and a reasonable frame of mind. All of these qualities were framed with a friendly personality.

His name badge indicated that he was a minister and so I asked about his church. He told me he had full-time employment and was working with a small church on weekends. "I am now trying to get off 62 hours of credit so I can get ordained," he explained.

The image of that young man has lingered. I think I saw in him the potential and the commitment to become an effective minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The discussion, however, has troubled me in two ways:

## I. "SO I CAN GET ORDAINED."

For one who has received the supreme calling to the Christian ministry, the purpose of education is "not to get ordained," but to prepare for a lifelong process of spiritual and intellectual growth and to equip oneself for an effective ministry.

If a young person approaches education as an obstacle which has to be overcome in order to be ordained, he has totally missed the point. Our ordaining councils are to be commended for seeking to raise the educational level of those who are willing to engage in the most important work on earth, but we must help prospective ministers to see that the ultimate purpose of an education is not ordination but equipping themselves to minister to the deepest needs of the human race.

In like manner, an educational institution which lets its students believe that the primary purpose of an education is to get them across the hurdle of ordination is cheating and deceiving them.

Certification, another name for ordination, should be the declaration of an ordaining council that a person who bears this mark is spiritually, intellectually, and emotionally mature enough to fulfill the work of Christian ministry.

When I go to see a doctor, I want to see one who has the knowledge, skill, and compassion to address my needs, not one who has just taken courses.

I know that education does not make a minister but neither does ignorance. Only God can make a minister, and I believe the New Testament gives us the order He has established for that purpose.

- A. First, we are "*believers*." In the New Testament a believer is one who believes in Jesus Christ as the Son of God who came into the world to provide God's plan of salvation for the human race.
- B. Second, we are "*disciples*." A disciple is a taught one, a learner. The word *discipleship* comes from the same root as *discipline*. In my opinion, there is no greater need among ministers than for us to discipline ourselves in preparation for our work. If we would bring ourselves to the same level of discipline that athletes do in preparation for an athletic event, we could revitalize the work of the church.
- C. It is only after we have become sincere believers and have become disciples through the rigors of discipline that we are prepared for the third stage of God's calling, and that is "*apostleship*." An apostle is one who is sent. It may be that the greatest weakness of the Free Will Baptist ministry



is that we want to go from being "believers" to being "apostles" without going through the disciplines of "discipleship."

There is no easy road to the ministry and "62 credit hours" beyond high school should only be a directional sign pointing the way rather than the criteria for ordination.

## II. WHAT KIND OF EDUCATION

To know the kind of education one needs for the ministry, we must first understand the kind of work to which the minister is called:

- A. Effective preaching requires a knowledge of the Bible including its content, the history of the times in which the various books were written, acquaintance with the authors and the audiences to which they wrote and the message they wanted to communicate. The Bible is quite capable of speaking for itself, and we do the Bible a disservice if we try to shape it to fit a prescribed and indoctrinated mold.
- B. Effective preaching also requires an understanding of the history of the church, the paths by which Christianity has been transmitted through the centuries to peoples of different languages and nationalities.
- C. Effective preaching also requires effective communication. Language is the means by which Christianity is communicated from one person to another; and, unless we can speak and write fluently in the language of those to whom we seek to communicate, our preaching is far less effective than it would otherwise be. A minimum requirement for a minister should be the ability to speak and write correctly in his own language.
- D. If we are to be witnesses to "all nations," we need to know the history, beliefs, and practices of the major non-Christian religions of the world. After all, only one-third of the world's population identifies itself with the Christian religion.
- E. Not only does the effective minister need to know the non-Christian religions of the world, he should also be acquainted with the history, beliefs, and practices of Christian denominations in addition to his own. The 35,000 Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina represent only one out of every 4,000 professed Christians in America.

F. The effective minister must have an understanding of people, otherwise his ministry will be characterized by confrontation rather than leadership.

G. The effective minister is also the chief educator of the congregation he serves. More than to any other one person the task of educating church officers, Sunday School teachers, and other workers falls primarily to the pastor.

H. Regardless of how dynamic a preacher might be in the pulpit, his ministry will falter if he is not able to provide meaningful pastoral care for his people. Visiting the sick, comforting the bereaved, and providing family counseling and Christian vocational guidance require special skills and competencies.

I. Most ministers like to be involved in the financial affairs of the church they serve. It is, therefore, important that they have a basic understanding of budgeting and money management.

J. The best education for a minister is one that prepares him for lifelong learning. Education that stops with "62 hours," four years, or even seven years, will not equip the minister for the exploding changes taking place in human society around the world.

Choosing a place to study is one of the most important decisions a minister ever makes. Before I finished high school, I knew that God was calling me into the ministry but I did not know what the nature of that ministry would be nor did I know what kind of education I would need. Left to myself, I probably would have chosen a school that would have told me what to believe rather than one that would prepare me to think for myself and to distinguish between truth and dogmatism.

Our minds are gifts of infinite value and they are too precious to be warped by those who would dictate to us what to believe, whether those beliefs be religious or political.

There are no shortcuts, gimmicks, or techniques for becoming an effective minister. The work of the ministry requires both discipline and maturity. A pastor who stunts his growth will also stunt the growth of his church. One of the most serious dangers confronting Original Free Will Baptists is that we may produce a ministry that is capable of reaching only a small segment of the people in America and an even smaller segment of the world's population.





## INSTRUMENT SCRAMBLE

by Lynette Sumerlin

“And David spake to the chief of the Levites to appoint their brethren to be the singers with instruments of music, psalteries and harps and cymbals, sounding, by lifting up the voice with joy” (1 Chronicles 15:16).

In the verse above, David was getting everything ready for the Ark of the Covenant to be brought to the city of David. The Ark was very important to the Israelites. So, David wanted everyone to celebrate its arrival with music. The Israelites used many different kinds of musical instruments.

Unscramble the words below to find the names of some of the musical instruments used by the Children of Israel.

t r n c o e (2 Samuel 6:5) \_\_\_\_\_

b y c m s l a (2 Samuel 6:5) \_\_\_\_\_

l i m d u c e r (Daniel 3:5) \_\_\_\_\_

f u t e l (Daniel 3:5) \_\_\_\_\_

p h a s r (Genesis 4:21) \_\_\_\_\_

g o r n a s (Genesis 4:21) \_\_\_\_\_

s i p p e (1 Kings 1:40) \_\_\_\_\_

t r s a p e l y (1 Samuel 10:5) \_\_\_\_\_

s t b k u c a (Daniel 3:5) \_\_\_\_\_

m i r e l s t b (Exodus 15:20) \_\_\_\_\_

t m p e r u s t (Numbers 10:9) \_\_\_\_\_

v s l i o (Isaiah 5:12) \_\_\_\_\_



Compiled by Gary Burbage

### **BILL TO ABOLISH NEA**

Congressman Philip Crane (R) IL. has introduced Bill H.R. 299 that would abolish the National Endowment for the Arts. The debate in Congress is still raging on whether to continue funding—or even increase funding—for the National Endowment for the Arts. The bill introduced by Congressman Crane would shut down the NEA and stop the federal government from using taxpayer's money to pay for the following displays:

- X-rated strip tease performances
- Lesbian plays involving 12-year-old girls
- Homosexual movies and photographs
- Pictures of Jesus as a homosexual and drug addict
- Child pornography involving both girls and boys

If you support Bill H.R. 299 it is suggested that you contact your congressman.

*Christian Action Network*

### **SCHOOL REPORT ON JESUS MOCKED BY TEACHER**

A third grader in Miami, Florida, was chided by her teacher when the student chose Jesus for a biographical report on a famous person.

Charity Lichwiarz decided to do her assignment on the founder of the Christian faith, Jesus Christ. But her teacher stated that the report was not about a real person and the assignment was to be based on a real person. Furthermore, the teacher said the report was totally inappropriate for a public school.

Charity's parents threatened the school with legal action because the teacher's actions violated the child's religious-liberty rights and had caused emotional harm by exposing the eight year old to needless embarrassment. The principal of the

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school later accepted the book report.

Christians should be aware that they are not second-class citizens of the USA. Christians pay taxes and should not have to endure such treatment as did Charity.

*The Christian World Report*  
April 1991

### **TITHING UNLAWFUL**

A bankruptcy judge refused a Worthington, Ohio, couple's reorganization plan, which included a 10% (their tithe) donation to their local church.

On June 17, 1991, the U.S. Supreme Court let the ruling stand stating that religious tithes were not reasonably necessary expenses while paying off debts under federal bankruptcy law protection.

*Christian World Report,*  
June 1991

### **CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST IN SOVIET UNION**

Incredible and historic events are occurring in the Soviet Union. The Soviet government has given Campus Crusade for Christ permission to print one million Bibles in the Soviet Union. The Bibles will include Four Spiritual Laws and other evangelism helps in the appendix, including "Answers for Atheists."

Campus Crusade has also finalized arrangements to show the "Jesus" film in 1,000 theaters in every major city in the Soviet Union. Bill Bright, founder and president of Campus Crusade for Christ, states: "Not only are people responding to the "Jesus" film in a marvelous way, but they are expressing a powerful desire to receive their own Bibles so they might learn and grow in their new-found Christian faith."

Government officials who are sympathetic to the spiritual hunger that permeates the Soviet Union are encouraging the printing of Bibles. Some leaders,

however, fear that as nationalist unrest builds and free expression continues to challenge the "establishment," glasnot may soon come to a bitter and painful end.

*Campus Crusade for Christ*

### **CHURCH HELPS WOMEN GET ABORTIONS**

A Michigan church helps about 10 women each month to obtain abortions and spent more than \$13,000 for that cause in 1990. Fountain Street Church in Grand Rapids, an independent 1,700 member congregation with American Baptist roots, began helping poor women end their pregnancies in 1968 by arranging trips to countries where abortion was legal.

*The Christian World Report,*  
March 1991

### **THE GOSPEL IN STALIN'S CHAMBERS**

When one Soviet pastor preaches about the blood of Jesus, his words not only ring with truth, but with irony. The pastor of a Baptist church in Sochi, a Soviet city on the northeastern coast of the Black Sea, has his pulpit in the house-turned-church where Josef Stalin signed death warrants each morning during his rule.

Norwegian evangelist Aril Edvardsen and his International World Ministries have agreed to help the Baptist congregation in Sochi fully convert the palace into a house of worship. The government awarded the building to the church late last year. Where death decrees were once issued, said Edvardsen, "the gospel of life will now be proclaimed."

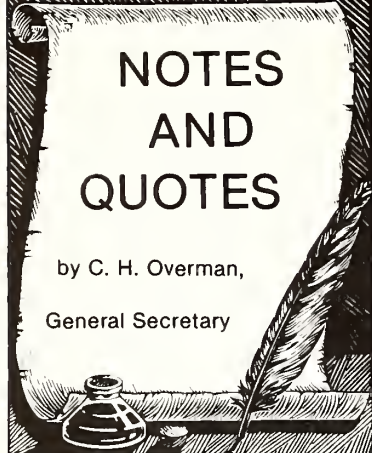
*CHARISMA, April 1991*

### **GOOD SAMARITAN JAILED**

A woman will spend 45 days in jail for providing meals to the homeless and families in need in Santa Cruz.

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## OUR CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS

By the time this "Notes and Quotes" goes out to our people, the fall Conventions and Conferences will nearly be over for 1991. Having attended most of them for the past two and one-half years, I have been made quite aware of changes that have taken place. In years past, the Conferences consisted of two days of preaching, singing, and Conference business as related to the Free Will Baptist cause. Grant you, there were times when some things seemed unimportant, but all in all they were good conferences. So what if there was some disagreements and problems to solve? At least we were willing to take the time to solve them. When a member rose to the floor to question a matter, he did so with the desire to understand; and those in charge were not so quick to "rule out of order" or to "cut" him off. Now don't suddenly conclude that I'm in support of heated debate or unchristian arguments; however, we should take the time to solve our problems. Pushing them aside or ignoring they exist only adds to our restless state.

All of our Conferences, with the exception of the Piedmont and Eastern Conferences, now have one-day sessions. It is likely that the Eastern will cut its conference to only one day when it meets this month (October).

We realize there are many factors that have effected our involvement in the denominational meetings. Work patterns and social activities have had an impact. The rural areas of thirty or

forty years ago have changed from farming communities to communities where most people work in town in some industry or business. Both youth and women have also become a part of this work force. Because of these changes, it is more difficult to secure delegates to attend our meetings. There was a time when several hundred people would attend the "Conference." Now the number is around a hundred, and some fall under that number.

Not only has our involvement in our meetings been effected during these years, our church attendance and growth have not met the challenge of an increasing population. Figures indicate that in many instances fewer people are involved in activities of the church. Since I am a member of the Central Conference, I'll use it as evidence to the fact. In 1955, the Conference met at Aspen Grove Church. This, of course, was several years before our State Convention withdrew from the National Association of Free Will Baptists. When that division in our ranks took place, we lost some of our churches to the National Association and in some cases churches were divided over the matter, and two congregations resulted. Thus, the 1955 Minutes reflect a time when the division had not taken place. Brother Leo Tripp was secretary of the Conference and provided a "Statistical Summary" on the last page of the Minutes. He reported: "There are fifty churches in this conference with a membership of 9,676 . . . These churches have

7,158 enrolled in Sunday School . . . The fifty churches have gained 537 members during the year and have lost 217 members." Interestingly, the secretary added: "The above statements give a few of the figures compiled by your conference secretary and were taken from your church letters. Although this report is very good, I am asking that we do a little bit more in the coming year."

The 1967 Minutes of the Conference, some five years after the division, reported a total of 7,209 church members, and 5,525 Sunday School members. In comparing these figures with those of the 1955 minutes, we can understand the reason for the decline. When comparing these figures with those in the 1991 *Yearbook*, we find that there were 7,385 members in the Central Conference churches, while Sunday School enrollment had dropped to 3,935. Thus, from 1967 until 1990, church membership increased by only 175 and Sunday School enrollment decreased by more than 1,500.

It is likely that the other conferences would reflect about the same pattern. While we have grown in areas of ministry and support of those ministries, we are falling short in the areas of church growth. We realize, of course, that some of our churches are truly meeting the challenge and are being blessed with numerical growth.

Why are we facing this dilemma? Is it to continue? If it does, where will we be twenty or thirty years from now? The answer is found in the area of commitment, which means setting our priorities. We hear a lot about church growth and a bountiful supply of information is available. Seminars and workshops abound, but somehow we are not catching on. There was church growth in years past—and it was not "high tech!"

It is not my intention to be pessimistic. I love my denomination,



## A BLIP

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and I am proud of its accomplishments; but I am deeply concerned about our future. From time to time, those in the area of education shout, "Back to the basics." It may be that we have drifted too far from the basics of soul-winning, Christian love, and Christian fellowship.

Finally, when we note the average age of those attending our meetings, we again wonder about the future. Where are the youth, the young couples, the children?

What is your feeling about these matters? If you have something you would like to say about it, let us hear from you. Perhaps when we are truly burdened we will act to turn the tide. Let's hope so and let's pray to that end.

## JOTS AND TITLES

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Sandra Loranger, 49, who was charged with not having a permit to provide the food, was given the jail term. Authorities say they jailed her for refusing to accept probation, under which she would be required to "obey all laws," including the one requiring her to get a permit.

*Associated Press*

## WHEN FAMILIES BREAKUP— CHILDREN BREAKDOWN

An in-depth study of America's troubled youth reveals that 1 in 5 children under age 18 suffer emotional, behavioral, learning, and developmental problems as a result of the breakdown of the traditional two-parent family. Divorce among parents and being born out-of-wedlock are key contributing factors leading to the abnormalities.

*Chicago Tribune*

Have you taken the time  
today to thank God for  
His blessings?

problem, there's something wrong with you, so we need to help you through this hard time until you're okay and on your own again."

Unlike most of his contemporaries we surveyed for *WORLD VISION* magazine, Lenny doesn't have to go look for poverty. It's right outside his front door. He says there's so much poverty in the United States because of "economic systems designed to increase profits over the needs of people."

Lenny also sees poverty up close as a social worker for the City of Brotherly Love. Possibly because of his proximity to them, his ideas about who is responsible for the poor are not typical for

most baby boomers. "Personal responsibility is important," he says, "but sometimes the system is so stacked up against people, they just need help. The system has failed and you can't blame them."

Finally, unlike most of his contemporaries we surveyed, Lenny is clear in his mind on the relationship between evangelism and social action. "One should lead to the other," he says. "In practice, evangelism seems to be less effective unless it has some justice along with it. You can hear the four spiritual laws and know the relationship you need with Jesus, but if your basic food, shelter, and medical needs aren't met, it's a shallow gospel."

*World Vision*, October-November 1991

Remember,  
If  
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## PIEDMONT CONFERENCE



Pictured are the Rev. M. E. Cox and his wife, Maxine. Mr. Cox was presented a plaque by the Piedmont Conference in appreciation for his 18 years of service as Moderator.

The Piedmont Conference met Saturday, October 26, at Christ Church, located in Stokesdale. Good fellowship was enjoyed by all who attended.

At this meeting, the Rev. M. E. Cox was honored for his 18 years of service as Moderator of the Piedmont Conference. In appreciation of his leadership, loyalty and faithfulness to the Conference, Mr. Cox was presented a plaque. Our prayers go with Mr. Cox and his wife, Maxine, as they continue to serve the Lord wherever they might go.

The next Piedmont Conference is scheduled for January 4, at Community Church, in Norwood. All churches and ministers are urged to attend.

## FIRST WESTERN UNION MEETING SCHEDULED

The First Union of the Western Conference will meet with Everett's Chapel Church, Clay-

ton, on Saturday, December 28, beginning at 9:30 a.m. The Rev. Robert Langley will bring the Union message, with the Rev. Ray Everton as his alternate. All member churches are urged to attend with full delegation and fee.

## ALBEMARLE UNION TO MEET

The Albemarle Union will meet on December 28 at Malachi's Chapel. The scheduled program is as follows:

- 10:00—Devotions, the Rev. James Corbett
- 10:10—Welcome, the Rev. Royce Reynolds
  - Response, the Rev. Joe Griffith
- 10:15—The Moderator's Address, the Rev. Charlie Overton
- 10:20—Roll Call of Ministers
  - Recognition of Visiting Ministers
  - Roll Call of Churches
- 10:30—Offering for Denominational Ministries
  - Announcements
  - Prayer Time
  - Two Testimonies
- 10:40—Report of Children's Home, via Literature
  - Report of Mount Olive College, via Literature
  - Report of Free Will Baptist Press, via Literature
  - Report of Missions: Home and Foreign, via Literature
  - Report of Cragmont, via Literature
  - Report of Retirement Homes, via Literature
- 10:50—Report of Treasurer
  - Old or New Business
  - Announcements of Next Union
- 11:00—Minutes Read and Approved
- 11:10—Hymn
- 11:20—Special Music, Host Church
- 11:25—Message, the Rev. Kenneth Littleton
  - Benediction
  - Adjournment and Lunch

## CAPE FEAR UNION SCHEDULED

The Cape Fear Union will convene with Smyrna Church, Route 6, Dunn, NC, Johnston County, on December 28, 1991. The scheduled program is as follows:

- 10:00—Hymn, Congregation
  - Devotions, the Rev. Dean Kennedy
  - Welcome, Host Church
  - Response, Saint Pauls
- 10:20—Enrollment of Officers and Ministers
  - Reading of the Minutes of the Last Union
  - Appointment of Committees
  - Roll Call of Churches
  - Report of Denominational Ministries
  - Miscellaneous Business
- 11:15—Hymn, Congregation
  - Offering and Offertory Prayer
  - Special Music, Host Church
  - Message, the Rev. James Corbett; Alternate, the Rev. Fred Baker
- 12:00—Report of Treasurer
  - Report of Committee
  - Unfinished Business
  - Benediction and Adjournment

## FIELD DAY FOR THE WEST

On July 27, 1991, the Western District Youth Fellowship enjoyed a field day at the Original Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Middlesex, NC. For several years past, the Western District has held annual youth activities at the Children's Home. However, hype for these events subsided as a result of the decline in summer attendance.

For 1991, the officers and leaders within the district resolved to give 110% to bringing up attendance and get more youth excited about serving the Lord. As a result of this effort, Field Day 1991 was a success for the West! Overall attendance was 110, with 90 of this number being youth.

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Activities began just after 10 a.m. Cherubs played various games in the open picnic area, including "Duck, Duck, Goose." AFC and YFA groups separated to join the Children's Home residents in softball and volleyball. At 11:30 a.m., everyone reassembled for tug-of-war, when the youth leaders' battle lasted nearly two minutes! A spread lunch was served at noon in the dining area, Heritage Hall, since threatening rain prohibited serving it in the picnic area outside.

Following lunch, everybody met in the gymnasium for singing and fun time. Volunteers from the audience were chosen to compete in some games. Later, a softball game was started and rained out after two innings.

Despite misfortune of the early rain, Field Day was a success for all who participated. Thanks to leaders, Virginia Joyner and Dee Farmer, for their efforts, and to the youth officers and other leaders for their dedication to the young people of the Western District.

## MINISTER ORDAINED



On Sunday night, October 27, Black Jack Church held a special ordination service for Harry Allen Jones Jr. The Ordaining Council of the Central Conference conducted the service. The Rev. J. B. Narron, chairman, led the ordination, the Rev. Charles Branch provided special readings of Scripture, Dr. Michael Pelt gave the Charge, the Rev. N. D. Beamon led the Prayer of Consecration and Laying on of Hands, and the Rev. Bruce Jones presented the Ordination Certificate. The church presented Harry A. Jones Jr. with a Bible and a reception following the ceremony.

Mr. Jones is the second Black Jack Church member ever to be ordained as an Original Free Will Baptist minister during its one hundred and sixty year existence. In 1838, Jordan Cox requested the church to petition the Conference for his ordination. Later records show Mr. Cox as an ordained Free Will Baptist minister.

Harry Allen Jones Jr. is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Harry A. Jones Sr. He is married to Marietta Elks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morris E. Elks. Harry and Marietta have one son, Marcus.

Harry received an associate degree from Mount Olive College and baccalaureate and advanced degrees from East Carolina University. He currently teaches social studies at D. H. Conley High School.

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**FIRST CHURCH, GOLDSBORO,  
HONORS SENIOR CITIZENS  
AND THE**

**REV. JAMES A. EVANS**

submitted by Johnny Skinner

First Church, Goldsboro, honored its senior citizens at the 11 a.m. worship service on November 3, 1991. The congregation also honored one of its own members and former pastors, the Rev. James A. Evans.

The Chancel Choir presented a Senior Adult Musical celebrating the Lord's return entitled "Some Golden Daybreak," written by Joe E. Parks. The cantata proclaimed the message of "blessed hope that lies within the hearts of true believers." It was the Apostle Paul who used this term in his letter to Titus.

Since it is one of the great doctrines of our faith, it is appropriate that we teach it, that we sing about it, and that we rejoice in the fact that Jesus will come again "some golden daybreak."

The cantata was directed by the Chancel Choir Director, Mr. Johnny Skinner; accompanied by pianist, Mrs. Sharlene Howell. Narrator for the cantata was Mr. Chris Schaleppi. The featured soloist was Mrs. Patti Heath, from Pink Hill, NC.

After the 11 a.m. worship service, a love offering was taken at the front door of the church for the Rev. James Evans in the amount of \$777. The congregation presented Mr. Evans the love offering at the noon meal, which was catered in the church fellowship hall. All the senior citizens were guests at the catered dinner given in their honor.

The Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Barrow were also guests at the dinner, in which Rev. Barrow stood up and shared many experiences with the congregation of Mr. Evans' ministry. Many people from the congregation also shared their kind feelings of love for Mr. Evans, and what he had done for them as their pastor.

It was truly a great day for all who attended the services, as we all looked back on our godly Heritage. A special thank you is extended to the Rev. and Mrs. Norman Ard, who helped plan this special day and for their present ministry which guides the congregation today.

**MEETING SCHEDULED**

The Ordaining Council of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists will have its regular meeting on Monday, January 13, 1992, at the First Free Will Baptist Church, 2426 Charles Street, Greenville, NC at 7 p.m. If anyone has any business with the Council, please contact the Rev. J. B. Narron by phoning 756-7609.

**CRAGMONT MONTH AT  
HICKORY CHAPEL**

submitted by Anne Dilday

October was Cragmont Month at Hickory Chapel Church in Ahoskie. Each week we did something to remind us of special events at Cragmont. We began "Cragmont Month" by giving each person a program of events with a small trumpet attached. The trumpet was to remind us throughout the month it is our job as Free Will Baptists to be sure

the trumpet of Jubilee is sounded in 1995. That means giving so Cragmont in its 50th year can be debt free.

The following week on Saturday we had a campfire (complete with hotdogs and marshmallows and singing). The gathering closed with a devotion entitled "Lessons from a Marshmallow."

Sunday, the twentieth, brought us a time of testimonies given by Jamie Burgess, Justin Carter, Marilyn Carter, Billy Wayne Dilday, and Neal Overton. Testimony in song was presented by Kasey Britton, Lauren May, and Clair Taylor. These are Cragmont campers of all ages. They all stressed Cragmont, "The People Place."

The month closed with a Sunday night fellowship and group singing of several well-loved old hymns.

Throughout the month a basket was located in the church to receive any gifts the membership wished to share with the work at Cragmont; \$426 was collected.

During October, "Cragmont ringing," as the Cragmont song says, was truly happening at Hickory Chapel.



Left to Right: Anne Dilday, Sara Willoughby, and Becky Jo Sumner are shown placing gifts of money in the basket located in the church throughout Cragmont month at Hickory Chapel Church.



## MRS. HAZEL CASEY HONORED

submitted by Johnny Skinner



Mrs. Hazel Casey was recently presented the 1991 Sunday School Children's Teacher of the Year Award given by the Sunday School Board of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. The award was presented in recognition of her 50 years of service as a teacher.

Her church, First Church of Goldsboro, also received a plaque in honor of having her as the award recipient. In recognition of the honor and Mrs. Casey, the church gave a monetary gift to Mount Olive College to be used by the library.

"You're never too young to learn, and you're never too old," she says. "If you learn as a little child, it stays with you."

Mrs. Casey says the most rewarding part about teaching is when former students bring their children and grandchildren to her classes.

According to the Rev. Norman Ard, she has had a positive impact on many lives. "She has affected the lives of so many children who have grown up and still appreciate what she has done," he says. "They remember her as a teacher and what she has taught them. I've heard her teach children and talk to adults and she does a good job."

Mr. Ard says Mrs. Casey is dependable in more capacities than just teaching. "If there's a job to be done, she gets right in and does it."

Among her jobs are serving as financial secretary, flower chairman and mission chairman. She is a member of the Women's Auxiliary and she represents her church on the United Church Ministries Board. She has spent the past 15 years visiting and witnessing to inmates in the Wayne County jail.

### NEW ADDRESS FOR FUNDS

The new address for donations of any kind to Camp Vandemere, Inc. is as follows: Camp Vandemere, Inc., Judith K. Kennedy, Route 2, Box 224, Pink Hill, NC 28572.

The camp needs your prayer support as well as your financial support. Please include Camp Vandemere in your church budget. Your opportunities to give include: The Lighthouse Keepers Club, memorial gifts, the Rev. Ralph and Janie Sumner Endowment Fund, and free will offerings.

### APPRECIATION DAY FOR PASTOR AND HIS WIFE

submitted by Linda Herring

Sunday, August 18, 1991, was designated as Appreciation Day at White Oak Grove Church for the Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Patrick, for their loyalty and devotion to our church. The congregation was also celebrating Mr. Patrick's eightieth birthday.

The day was a complete surprise to both of them until the service was interrupted by the deacons distributing new bulletins. At that time they were both presented corsages. Each Sunday School class, the Woman's Auxiliary and Layman's League presented a gift to them to show their appreciation.

Special guests attending the service were the pastor's children and their spouses, their grandchildren and great grandchildren. Then their grandson, Alan Her-



The Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Patrick

ring, told how Mr. and Mrs. Patrick had been like parents to him. Their son, Wayne, paid a very high tribute to his mom and dad. Lynwood Sutton, chairman of the Board of Deacons, spoke of how the Lord had answered prayers when He sent Pastor Patrick and his wife to the church.

Following this, special music was presented by Heather Wood, who sang, "Thank You," and Jackie Varnell, "Daddy's Hands." Also singing was a very special duet from Pleasant Hill Church, Catherine Gaskins and Cyrus Taylor.

Linda Herring, who presided, gave a brief history of the life and works of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick, that was prepared when they were honored by the churches and Woman's Auxiliaries of the Central Conference.

Not only did we honor Mr. and Mrs. Patrick during the Morning Worship, but that evening, the Young Adult Sunday School Class prepared a barbecue dinner and a birthday cake for the pastor. The Patricks have been a blessing to the church in many ways. The congregation has all grown to love and admire the work they have done for the Lord all these years. They are thankful to the Lord for their dedication and that they put the Lord first in their lives.



## GREENVILLE MINISTER HONORED

Services began in the usual manner at Greenville Church on Sunday morning, September 8, 1991, with the invocation and a congregational hymn. But when the pastor, the Rev. Ronnie Vann Hobgood, began his welcome, he was interrupted by Stearle Pittman, chairman of the Board, who told Ronnie he had heard him welcome people for three years, but this morning he wanted to welcome Ronnie. Ronnie remarked to Kathy Norman, choir director, "Something funny is going on." Indeed, something different was going on. This was to be a Surprise Pastor Appreciation Day. Stearle then welcomed everyone, including Ronnie and his wife, Mitzi, his parents, grandparents, Mitzi's parents and grandparents, while bulletins for the special service were being passed out by Carl Averette and James McRoy. Jean Averette pinned a corsage of yellow roses on Mitzi and a yellow rose boutonniere on Ronnie. Then began the surprises for the special service!

The children were led in singing "Go." Comments were made by Ronnie's mother, Doris Britt, and his grandmother, Pete, who told how Ronnie had always felt the call to preach and how he even "played church" as a child. Mitzi then spoke about their courtship, marriage and the previous pastorates they have held.

The Rev. C. H. Overman preached Ronnie's ordination sermon and performed the marriage ceremony of Ronnie and Mitzi. He was unable to be present, but a tape was played on which he had recorded congratulations and remarks for the occasion.

The choir rendered a special, "It Isn't God Who's Moved," a favorite of Ronnie. Dr. Michael Pelt, from Mount Olive College, made comments on Ronnie's days at the College.

Rose of Sharon Church, Bear Grass, was Ronnie's first full-time pastorate and the Mizell family from there was recognized. Comments were made by Mr. Irvin Mizell. His second full-time pastorate was La Grange Church; and Carolyn Hill, then secretary and organist, remarked on those days. Ruth Taylor was chairman of the Board at the time Ronnie was called to Greenville. She told of this calling and made appropriate comments.

Stearle then recognized "firsts" for Ronnie since he began this pastorate—his first neighbor, Joyce Adams; first baptism, Shannon Dail Fleming; first baby dedicated, Tyler Anderson; first deacon ordained, Donnie Paramore; and first marriage performed, Henry and Nita McNeese. Henry was unable to be present, but a taped recording was played sharing his comments.

Sunday School Superintendent, Alton Stocks, made remarks, as did Ann Smith, secretary of the Church during the entire pastorate.

Kathy Norman rendered a favorite song of Ronnie's, "In My Father's Eyes." Joyce Felix presented ceramic eagles as a gift from the church and James McRoy presented gifts to the family as expressions of love from the individual Sunday School classes.

The Church was decorated with two flower arrangements for the day by the Woman's Auxiliary and these were presented to the Hobgoods. Stearle presented Ronnie with a certificate from the church stating appreciation for the three years' service and he recognized the deacon board.

Ronnie expressed appreciation to the congregation for the special day and stated he was amazed that the whole activity had been kept as a surprise. Stearle invited all to remain for a fellowship lunch. The service was closed with the congregation singing "Blest Be the Tie" and a benediction.

The fellowship hall had been decorated with several arrangements of roses and a special table held pictures and scrapbooks depicting "Day One to Present" of the Hobgood family.

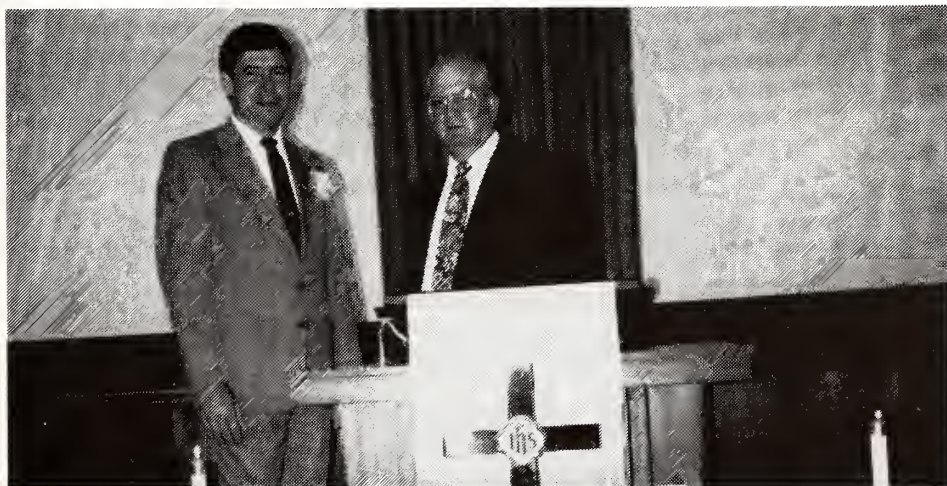
It was a very enjoyable day, with lots of good food and fellowship, as all stayed to eat and express appreciation and gratitude to Ronnie, Mitzi and their children, Jessica and Joshua.

We feel especially blessed that God has sent such a talented and dedicated individual to share the truths and blessings of His Word. Our prayer is that God will continue to bless him as he continues in his calling.

### MINISTER AVAILABLE

The Rev. Wade H. Hudgins is available for full-time pastoral services. A member of the

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The Rev. Ronnie Hobgood and Stearle Pittman.



Western Conference, Mr. Hudgins can be reached by writing to him at Route 5, Box 584, Durham, NC 27704; or by phoning (919) 596-9341.

#### HONORED ON BIRTHDAY



The Rev. N. Bruce Barrow

The Rev. N. Bruce Barrow was honored on his 80th birthday on Sunday evening, October 20, by his friends and members of Piney Grove Church of Albertson, NC.

A beautiful floral arrangement was given by his children and grandchildren. The party began with a hymn and prayer. Then everyone joined in and sang several old familiar hymns. The choir sang a special. The singing program was concluded by everyone joining hands and singing "Happy Birthday." Birthday cake and refreshments were served and a great fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Mr. Barrow has been pastor of Piney Grove Church for over twelve years. After prayer meeting on Wednesday, October 23, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hardy served cake and various flavors of yogurt. This was also enjoyed by all present.

#### NEW ADDRESS

The new address of Mrs. Gertrude Ballard is as follows: Britthaven Nursing Home, 411 Barbour Road, Smithfield, NC 27577; phone, 934-6017.

# Our Thanks to You at Christmas



*The children, staff, and management of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home wish you and yours a blessed holiday season.*



#### A BLESSED SEASON

During this special season of the year, your Original Free Will Baptist Headquarters would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you a blessed Christmas season.

Please remember your Headquarters personnel in your prayers. You are invited to visit with us at any time.

Have a joyous Christmas and a blessed New Year!



## THE MISSION OF OUR CHURCH

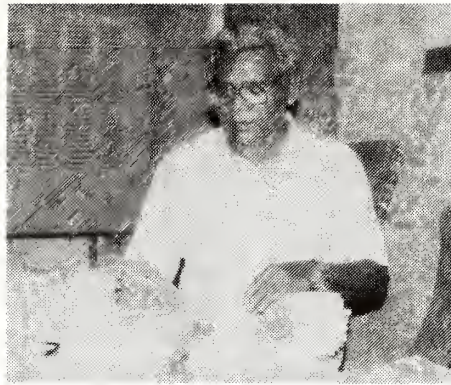
by Dr. E. M. Lall

The Free Will Baptists in India lay more emphasis on evangelism, which is our main concern. We believe that a witnessing church is a living church. This has been the command of our Lord Jesus Christ to each one of us who claims himself to be a Christian.

It is being experienced that there are more souls saved for eternity than ever before. There are more inquiries and more seekers during the past few months. Sometimes it looks strange that educated Muslims are moved to come out for their conversion. I feel that not much was done in our country before this time to challenge the Muslim community, to explain that salvation is available only through the Lord Jesus Christ. Our church is proud to have two Muslim converts as full-time ministers in our church. They proclaim Christianity through *Koran*, which vividly speaks of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our congregations in the rural areas in northern India feel compelled to preach the Word of God around them. Because of this, crowds gather around when we visit our congregations and take interest when the church meetings are held. I have seen quite a good number of Muslims and Hindus attending the church services at Dhaunra ever since the sanctuary was built there. The continued restlessness, sense of insecurity and the uncertainty have a good part to play when people are responsive to the "good news" of peace, goodwill and salvation. It is evident from the present situation that our country will heed the Word of God now more than ever.

However, much of the success depends upon the good leadership of the churches. As I move around here, I find that the urban Christians and the churches are confined to their own affairs as far as



their church buildings are concerned, while the rural Christians and the churches are regularly engaged in open evangelism, which is proving to be effective. There was a time a couple of decades ago that there was a burning zeal in the urban Christians and preaching in the rural areas was causing fear of life and property. In our country, if the villages are adequately evangelized, it will make 82% Christians in the total lot of our population.

Our hearts are thankful to God for His steadfast love, manifold blessings and loving care of our ministers and deacons, who constantly and unceasingly work in difficult situation.

"In every thing give thanks." This command can be obeyed only by the grace of God—no man living can obey it of himself. But thanks be unto God to whom we can look for this grace! When things look dark, praise God that they are not darker. If the situation is hard and rough, thank God it is not harder or rougher. If this world is a disappointment, thank the Lord for a city prepared for the holy, where Christ awaits us. One thing is certain: We cannot go wrong if "in every thing (we) give thanks."

### EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

by Nerie Peralta

How wonderful it is to represent the church, the body of Christ. I really believe that the existing eight different departments of the Free Will Baptist Church Philippines Inc. are the manifestation of

this principle. Being many, yet one body in Christ, working together to hit the 2-2-2 goal. To attain this goal, unity is very important, as Christ said that a house divided cannot stand (Matthew 12:25). To put this into practice, the Youth Department conducted evangelism and discipleship training to equip the young people to be able to help their pastor accomplish this goal.

The training was held on September 6-7, at Narra Free Will Baptist Church, Narra, Palawan. It was attended by 20 young people from different churches. Our lecturers were Pastor Elmer Garcellano, assistant director of Evangelism Department, and Pastor Armando Manzano, from the Evangelism Department. Pastor E. Garcellano lectured on the topic, "The Rule of the Young People in the Church." Pastor A. Manzano taught the young people "How to Share the Four Spiritual Laws and Follow Up."

Participants were very interested to know their rule in the church and how to share the four spiritual laws as an approach to share the gospel of Jesus Christ to others. Praise the Lord!

### MOVED TO SCHOOL SATELLITE CEBU CITY, BICOL, LUZON

by the Rev. Roger E. Malinao

Palawan Bible College is one of the departments of the Original Free Will Baptist Church Philippines, Inc., that supports our mission to propagate the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. The College also accepted the concept of Target 2-2-2. They help us by sending their student team (3rd year and 4th year students). They share financially to cover their expenses. The teacher helps the church planter in the operation of Bible study and church function after their classes.

The College was able to establish two satellite schools: one in Cebu City, one in Bicol area. The Cebu School satellite  
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faculty includes the Revs. Roger E. Malinao and Diosdado Manzano. The students are Miss Warlita Franco, Miss Ronita Guardiano, Mr. Fernando Erum, Mr. Filemon Buston. The Bicol school satellite faculty includes Pastor Antonio Sandrino, Miss Merlyn Dalabajan. The students are Miss Nancy Aplao and Pastor Jimmy Ombang.

I believe that this is God's time to keep on moving and planting churches outside Palawan. The Missions Department requests that friends pray for the following: That the 1991 goal for 6 churches to be planted will be met.

1. Nahua Camarines Sur, Bicol,
2. Mandawe City,
3. Lapu-Bapu City,
4. Minglanilla, Cebu,
5. Crossing Boto, Palawan,
6. Talog, Taytay, Palawan,
7. Centro Manalo,
8. Port Seaside, Puerto Princesa City,
9. Balatan, Bicol area.

While the target is only 6, more churches responded to our Target 2-2-2.

By 1992, our goal is for nine churches to be planted:

1. Manila area,
2. Iligan City, Mindanao area,
3. General Santos City, Mindanao area,
4. Palompon Leyte, Leyte area,
5. Davao City, Mindanao area, and four churches to be opened in the area of Palawan.

Let us come together in unity of prayers to fulfill this bold plan to expand His kingdom. Let us come together in obedience to the mandate of our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords.

Your response will encourage us to do His will.

#### **VISITATION AND INVITATION**

by Armando R. Manzano

Last July 17-20, 1991, the Rev. Jaapal S. Ontong, director of the Evangelism Department, sent his assistant, Pastor Elmer D. Garcellano, to the southern part of Palawan to visit every Free

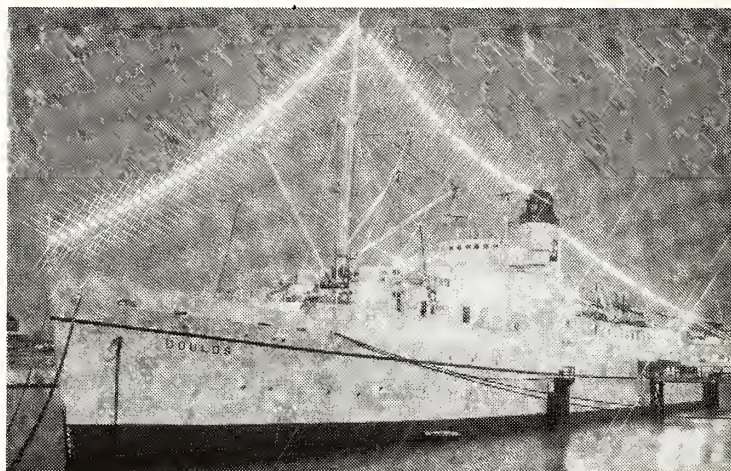
Will Baptist church in the south. He was also to distribute an invitation concerning our "Evangelism Challenge Program," which will be held on December 3-6. We are encouraging all pastors, Bible women, lay workers, and most especially church members, who are trained to witness. We are urging them to be a part of this activity and to become a useful and fruitful part of the body.

We have an ardent desire for the achievement of our goals as we pursue in the years to come.

Please continue to pray for:

1. Every local church,
2. Evangelism activities,
3. Spiritual growth of all the brethren,
4. 2-2-2 goal, and
5. Lost people.

#### **M. V. DOULOS IN PUERTO PRINCESA**



Last July 5-9, 1991, the ship M. V. Doulos visited Puerto Princesa City. The ship is the world's largest floating bookshop. All kinds of books were available. The ship arrived in Puerto at 10 a.m. and stayed in port one week. The ship's crew is composed of all Christian volunteers involved in God's ministry. They come from different countries and cultures.

What a great privilege was given the evangelism department: They sent their three workers to help the crew. Those who went were Pastor Arman Manzano, Pastor Elmer Garcellano and Brother Joseph dela Rosa. This gave them an opportunity and a good exposure to work as volunteers in an international setting.

This really shows how God really wants His children to be united in the work of the ministry.

#### **DECEMBER IS FOREIGN MISSIONS MONTH**

This month is vitally important to the Foreign Missions program. Giving tends to drop during the months of October and November. This strains what reserves we have. This year has been especially difficult with the extra expenses of opening the new field in Bulgaria.

I sincerely ask you to join us in prayer concerning this and send a special gift to Foreign Missions during this month to insure the continuation of the work we have in India, Mexico, the Philippines, Bulgaria and Nepal.

Friends, this need is real. Please give to make the Christ of Christmas known to children and adults in other lands. You can give no greater gift than this.



## 1991 FALL LIMITED EDITION

On October 14, 1991, eighty-four folks from eastern North Carolina headed for Cragmont Assembly in Black Mountain, North Carolina. After the day's travel and the evening meal at Cragmont, the group met in the chapel for an informal time of getting acquainted and discussing the plans for Tuesday and Wednesday.

Following breakfast on Tuesday morning, the buses were boarded for a scenic drive through the mountains of North Carolina and Tennessee, with Knoxville, Tennessee, as the destination. After stopping for lunch, the Museum of the Appalachia was the first stop on the tour. From there, the group headed to the Robert E. Lee Riverboat for a two-hour dinner and entertainment cruise on the Tennessee River. Arriving back at Cragmont around midnight, everyone settled down for a restful night to prepare for the next day's adventures.

Coffee, juice, milk and cereal were available for the early risers on Wednesday. At 8:30 a.m., the buses left for Pisgah View Ranch for breakfast. Pisgah View Ranch, located at the foot of Mount Pisgah and about a forty-five minute drive from Cragmont, is famous for family-style meals. As one bowl or platter is emptied, another one is brought out.

Within any group of any size, there are always shoppers and non-shoppers. So a brief stop at the Asheville Mall was planned for the shoppers to enjoy and the non-shoppers to endure. From the Mall, it was on to the Farmer's Market in search of apples and other fruits and snacks.

The buses headed south from the Farmer's Market toward Brevard, North Carolina, and then a very scenic drive past "Sliding Rock," "Looking Glass Falls," and the beautiful leaf color, on to the Cradle of Forestry in America. The ride back to Cragmont on the Blue Ridge Parkway was beautiful; and ac-

cording to one participant, "the best part of the day."

On Thursday, after breakfast and a brief meeting in the chapel to say good-bye, the buses left Cragmont for the return trip to eastern North Carolina. Before

leaving, an offering of \$580 for Cragmont was taken.

The beautiful sights and the time spent with such a congenial group of people made this a special tour, the best we could ask for.



The 1991 Cragmont Club Weekends are history. Pictured are the groups who attended this special time at Cragmont.



*The staff and management of Cragmont Assembly wish God's greatest blessings for you during the holiday season . . . and always.*

*Thank you for your financial and prayer support.*



# A NEW YEAR'S RETREAT FOR JUNIORS, SENIORS, COLLEGE STUDENTS December 29—January 1

# SNOW HOUND



Bring in the New Year with us at Cragmont in front of a roaring fire. You can enjoy the fellowship of other Christian people and the beauty of the mountains during winter. Winter outdoor activities are planned such as hiking, horseback riding, and skiing (weather permitting). At this retreat, we not only offer fun but plan to take a serious look at our Christian faith and how it answers questions such as: "If a person has faith, he/she will not have doubts about God"; "Will faith help me pass my math test?", or "If things are not going well in your life, does this mean you do not have enough faith?"

## TRANSPORTATION

Transportation is not provided. We do not lease a bus because this would add significantly to the cost of the retreat. No doubt car-pooling is the cheaper way to travel. It is also possible that we may be able to secure a couple of vans. So, if you are interested in coming but do not have a way to get here, please let us know. We can make travel arrangements with other people who are coming. Please do not let travel keep you from attending.

## COST

Meals and lodging for the three days, \$50  
Skiing one day approximately, \$45  
Horseback riding, \$10 to \$15

There are other costs such as meals while traveling to and from Cragmont and one meal while we are out skiing Monday. We also might go out to a movie or bowling, if time and energy permit.

Please fill out and return the form below along with a \$10 deposit to register. We will then send you more detailed information about the retreat and try to help you with travel arrangements if you need them. We are limited in space during winter; therefore, the number of participants will be limited to 50. Get your registration in early.

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Cragmont Assembly, 1233 North Fork Road, Black Mountain, NC 28711

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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## January is Retirement Homes Month

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The Rev. Walter Sutton, Executive Director  
Box 39  
Ayden, North Carolina 28513  
(919) 746-4963



# JANUARY 1992

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12 Genesis 34-36	13 Genesis 37-39 Convention Executive Committee	14 Genesis 40-42	15 Genesis 43-45	16 Genesis 46-48	17 Genesis 49-Exo.1	18 Exodus 2-4 State WA Executive Committee MOC, 10 a.m.
19 Exodus 5-7	20 Exodus 8-10 Eastern Ministerial Board, Conference Office, 10 a.m.	21 Exodus 11-13	22 Exodus 14-16	23 Exodus 17-19	24 Exodus 20-22	25 Exodus 23-25
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## February is Christian Education Month

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Dr. Burkette Raper, President  
Mount Olive College  
514 Henderson Drive  
Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365



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## March is Foreign Missions Month

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# MARCH 1992

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1 Deut. 1-2	2 Deut. 3-4 Albamarle District Youth Spring Convention, Union Chapel, Plymouth	3 Deut. 5-7	4 Deut. 8-10 Ash Wednesday	5 Deut. 11-13	6 Deut. 14-16	7 Deut. 17-20 Cape Fear Youth Fellowship, West Clinton
8 Deut. 21-23	9 Deut. 24-27	10 Deut. 28	11 Deut. 29-31	12 Deut. 32-34	13 Joshua 1-3 World Missions Conference, First, Wilson, 3 p.m.; Rally, 7:30 p.m.	14 Joshua 4-6 Eastern District Youth Convention, reg., 9:30; convene, 10
15 Joshua 7-8	16 Joshua 9-10 Eastern Ministerial Board, Conference Office, 10 a.m.	17 Joshua 11-13 St. Patrick's Day	18 Joshua 14-16	19 Joshua 17-19 Eastern WA Convention, Daly's Chapel, Seven Springs	20 Joshua 20-21	21 Joshua 22-24
22 Judges 1-2 Telethon Sunday	23 Judges 3-5	24 Judges 6-7	25 Judges 8-9	26 Judges 10-11	27 Judges 12-14	28 Judges 15-17 Albamarle Union, Mt. Tabor Cape Fear Union, Stevens Chapel Central WA Convention, Black Jack; registration, 9 a.m.
29 Judges 18-19	30 Judges 20-21	31 Ruth 1-4	<div><div>FEBRUARY</div><div><div>S</div><div>M</div><div>T</div><div>W</div><div>T</div><div>F</div><div>S</div></div><div><div>2</div><div>3</div><div>4</div><div>5</div><div>6</div><div>7</div><div>8</div><div>9</div><div>10</div><div>11</div><div>12</div><div>13</div><div>14</div><div>15</div><div>16</div><div>17</div><div>18</div><div>19</div><div>20</div><div>21</div><div>22</div><div>23</div><div>24</div><div>25</div><div>26</div><div>27</div><div>28</div><div>29</div></div></div>			
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## April is Home Missions and Evangelism Month

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5 <sup>1</sup> Sam. 14:24-26 Daylight Savings Time Begins	6 <sup>1</sup> Samuel 17-18	7 <sup>1</sup> Samuel 19-21	8 <sup>1</sup> Samuel 22-24	9 <sup>1</sup> Samuel 25-27	10 <sup>1</sup> Samuel 28-31	11 <sup>II</sup> Samuel 1-2 Albemarle WA Convention, Union Chapel, 10 a.m.
12 <sup>II</sup> Samuel 3-5 Palm Sunday	13 <sup>II</sup> Samuel 6-9	14 <sup>II</sup> Samuel 10-12	15 <sup>II</sup> Samuel 13-14	16 <sup>II</sup> Samuel 15-16	17 <sup>II</sup> Samuel 17-18 Good Friday	18 <sup>II</sup> Samuel 19-20 Passover (First Day)
19 <sup>II</sup> Samuel 21-22 Easter Sunday	20 <sup>II</sup> Samuel 23-24	21 <sup>I</sup> Kings 1-2:25	22 <sup>1</sup> Kings 2:26-4 Secretaries Day	23 <sup>1</sup> Kings 5-7	24 <sup>1</sup> Kings 8 Morning Star WA, Cragmont	25 <sup>1</sup> Kings 9-11 Morning Star WA, Cragmont
26 <sup>1</sup> Kings 12-13 Morning Star WA, Cragmont	27 <sup>1</sup> Kings 14-15 Convention Executive Committee	28 <sup>1</sup> Kings 16-18	29 <sup>1</sup> Kings 19-20	30 <sup>1</sup> Kings 21-22		

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May is Children's Home Month

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The Rev. Bobby Taylor, Executive Director  
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<div>17</div> <div>1 Chron 17-20</div> <div>Children's Home Day</div>	<div>18</div> <div>1 Chron. 21-23</div> <div>Eastern Ministerial Board, Conference Office, 10 a.m.</div>	<div>19</div> <div>1 Chron. 24-26</div> <div>FWBP Board Meeting, 1 p.m.</div>	<div>20</div> <div>1 Chron. 27-29</div>	<div>21</div> <div>II Chron. 1-3</div>	<div>22</div> <div>II Chron. 4-6</div>	<div>23</div> <div>II Chron. 7-9</div> <div>First children entered Children's Home (1920)</div>
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## June is Cragmont Month

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# JUNE 1992

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	1 Ezra 1-2	2 Ezra 3-5	3 Ezra 6-7	4 Ezra 8-9	5 Ezra 10	6 Neh. 1-3 Cape Fear Youth Fellowship, Casey's Chapel
7 Neh. 4-6	8 Neh. 7-8 WA Conference, Cragmont	9 Neh. 9-10 WA Conference, Cragmont	10 Neh. 11-12 WA Conference, Cragmont	11 Neh. 13 WA Conference, Cragmont	12 Esther 1-3 WA Conference, Cragmont	13 Esther 4-7 WA Conference, Cragmont
14 Esther 8-10 Flag Day	15 Job 1-4 Minister's Conference, Cragmont	16 Job 5-8 Minister's Conference, Cragmont	17 Job 9-12 Minister's Conference, Cragmont	18 Job 13-16 Minister's Conference, Cragmont	19 Job 17-20	20 Job 21-24
21 Job 25-29 Father's Day	22 Job 30-33 Christian Cadet Conference, Cragmont	23 Job 34-37 Christian Cadet Conference, Cragmont	24 Job 38-40 Christian Cadet Conference, Cragmont	25 Job 41-42 Christian Cadet Conference, Cragmont	26 Psalms 1-9 Christian Cadet Conference, Cragmont	27 Psalms 10-17 Christian Cadet Conference, Cragmont State WA Executive Committee MOC, 10 a.m.
28 Psalms 18-22	29 Psalms 23-30 YFA Week, Cragmont	30 Psalms 31-35 YFA Week, Cragmont	<div> <div>MAY</div> <div> <div>S</div> <div>M</div> <div>T</div> <div>W</div> <div>T</div> <div>F</div> <div>S</div> </div> <div> <div>3</div> <div>4</div> <div>5</div> <div>6</div> <div>7</div> <div>8</div> <div>9</div> <div>10</div> <div>11</div> <div>12</div> <div>13</div> <div>14</div> <div>15</div> <div>16</div> <div>17</div> <div>18</div> <div>19</div> <div>20</div> <div>21</div> <div>22</div> <div>23</div> <div>24</div> <div>25</div> <div>26</div> <div>27</div> <div>28</div> <div>29</div> <div>30</div> </div> </div>		<div> <div>JULY</div> <div> <div>S</div> <div>M</div> <div>T</div> <div>W</div> <div>T</div> <div>F</div> <div>S</div> </div> <div> <div>5</div> <div>6</div> <div>7</div> <div>8</div> <div>9</div> <div>10</div> <div>11</div> <div>12</div> <div>13</div> <div>14</div> <div>15</div> <div>16</div> <div>17</div> <div>18</div> <div>19</div> <div>20</div> <div>21</div> <div>22</div> <div>23</div> <div>24</div> <div>25</div> <div>26</div> <div>27</div> <div>28</div> <div>29</div> <div>30</div> <div>31</div> </div> </div>	





## July is Christian Education Month

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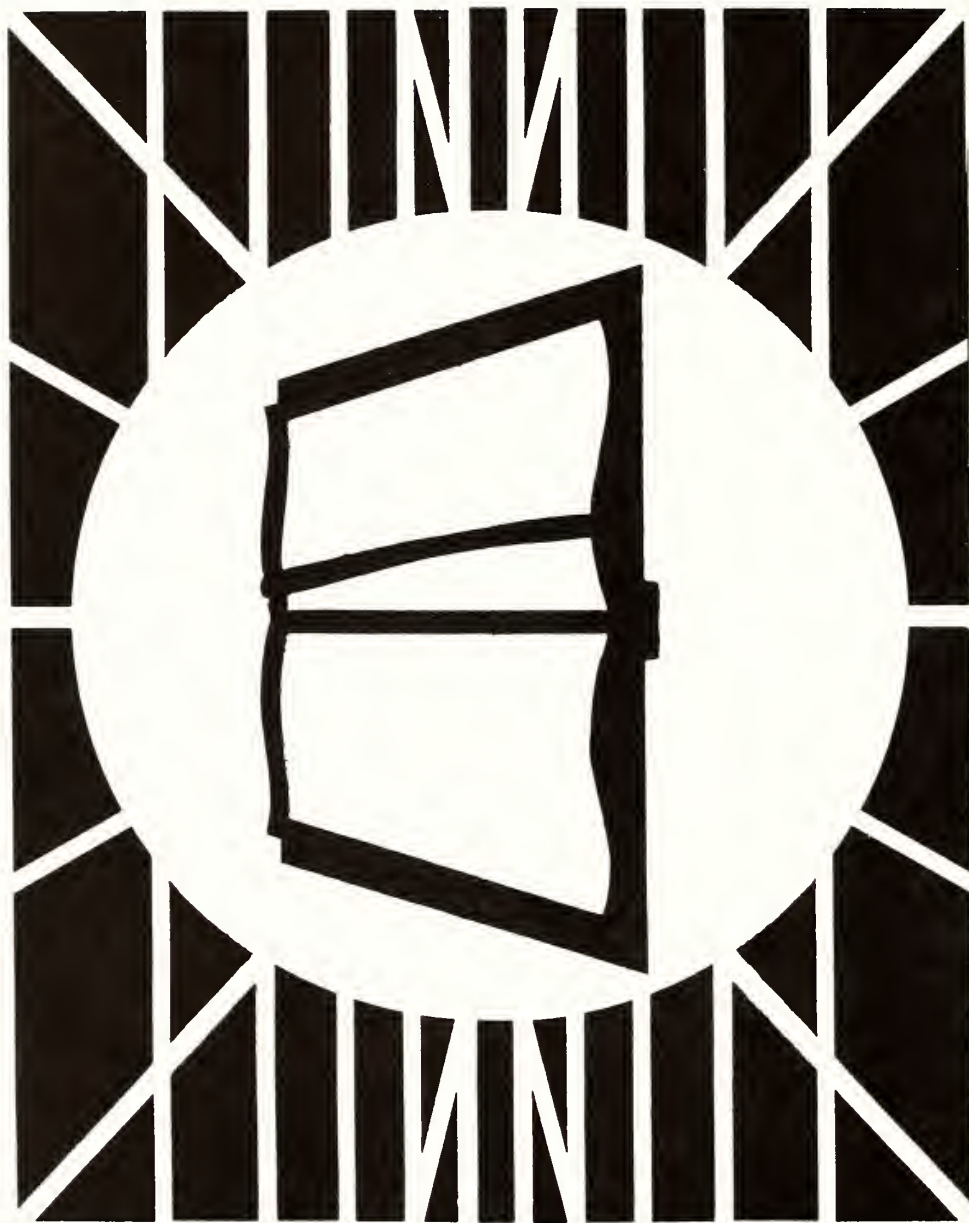
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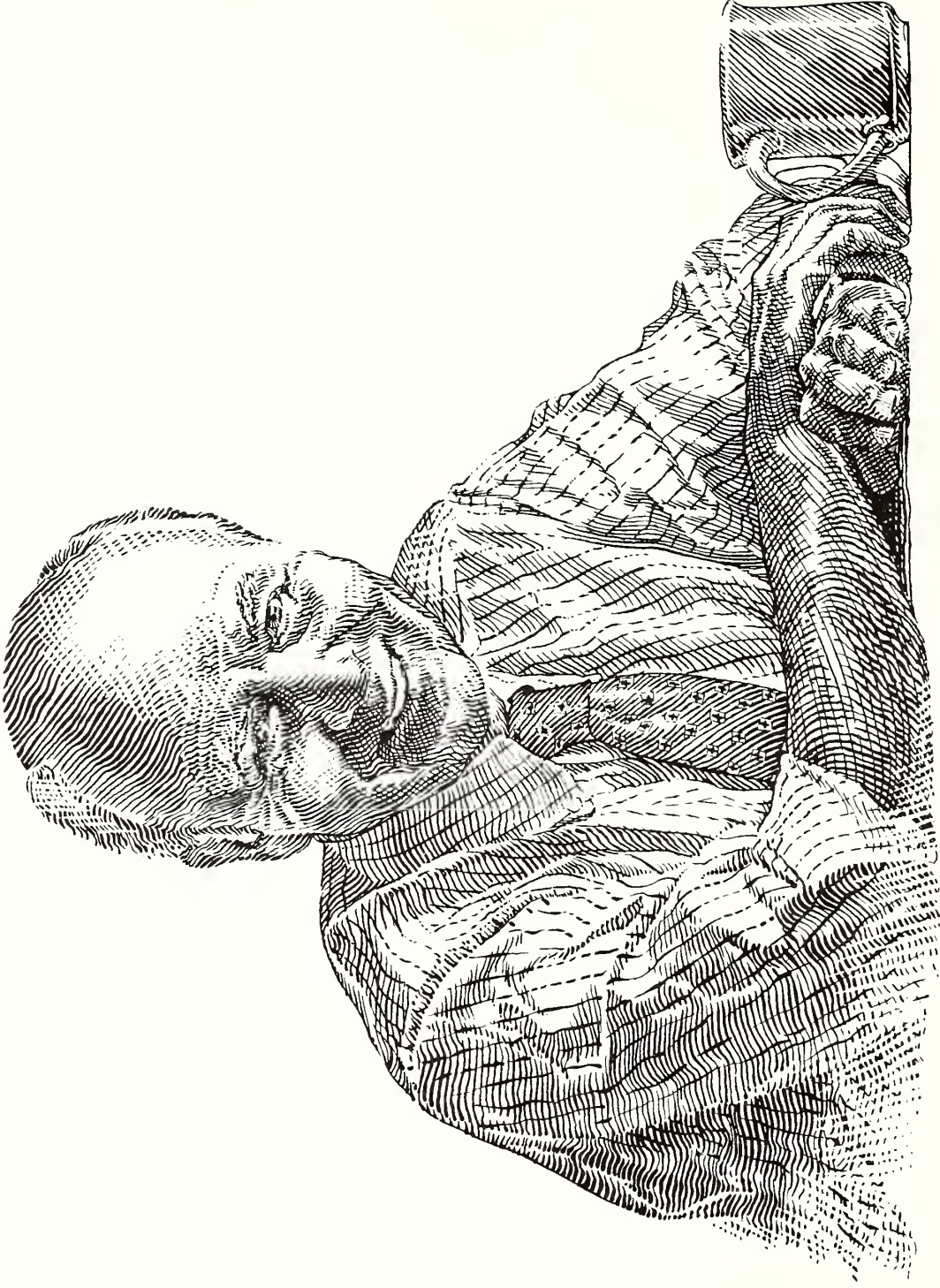
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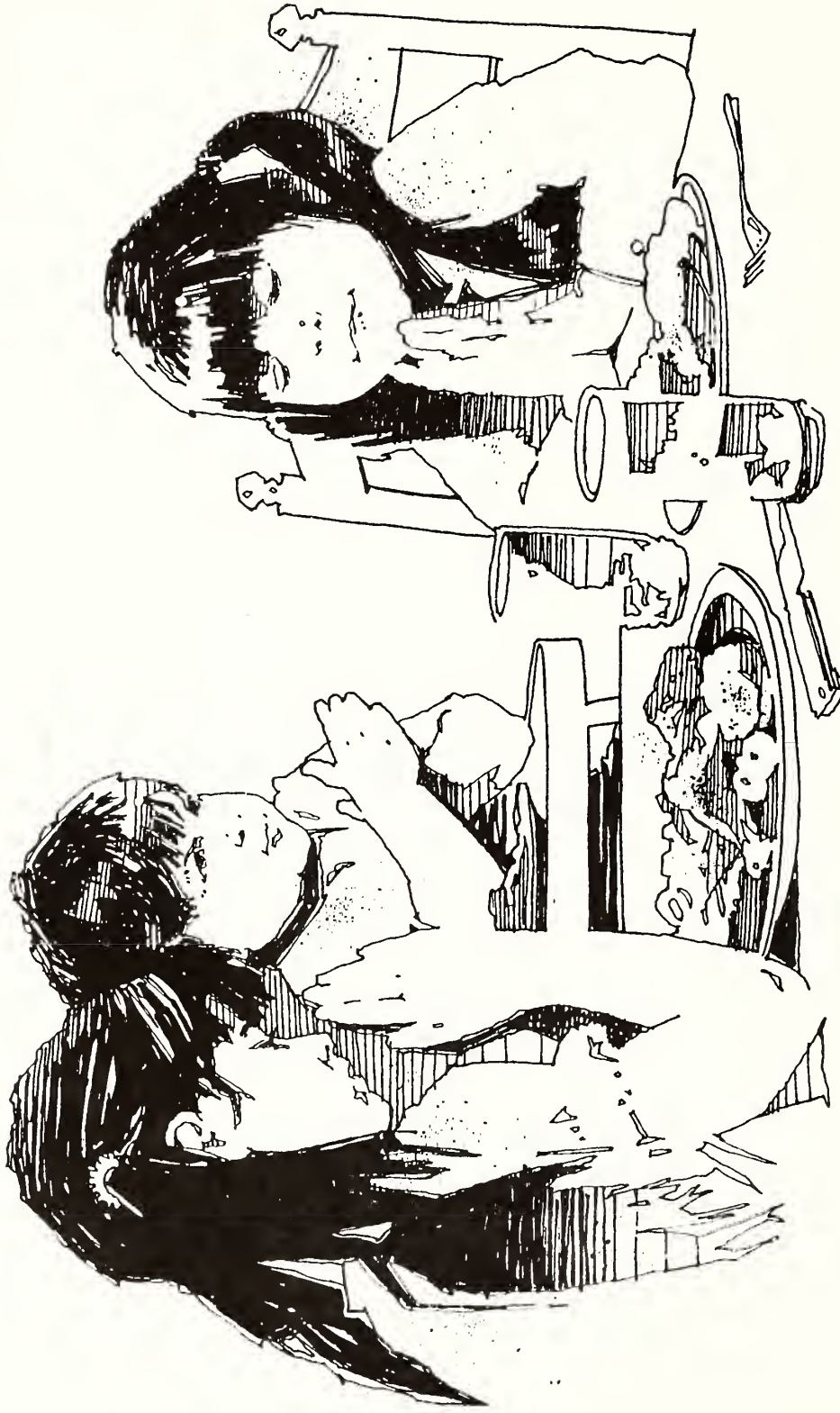
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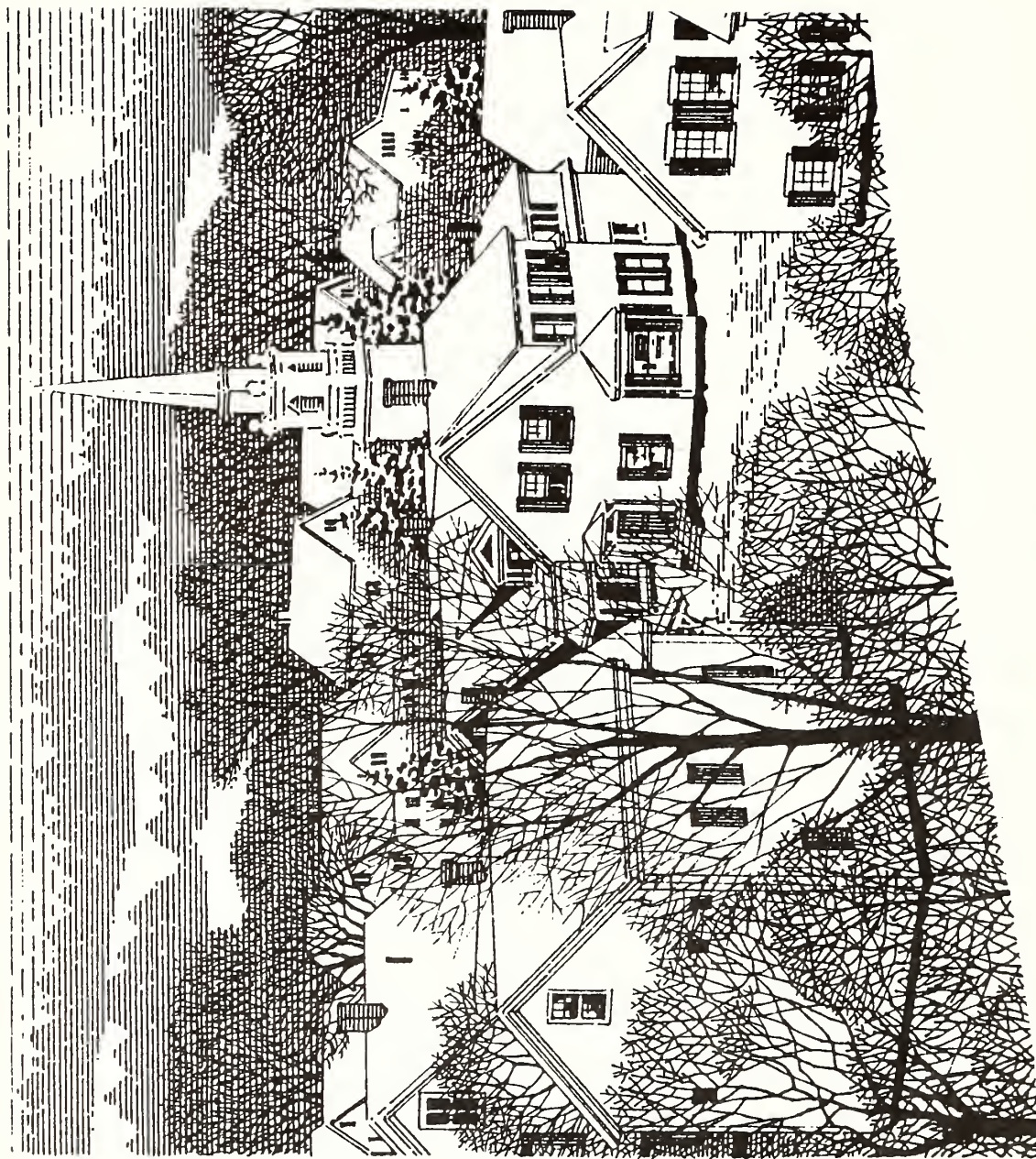
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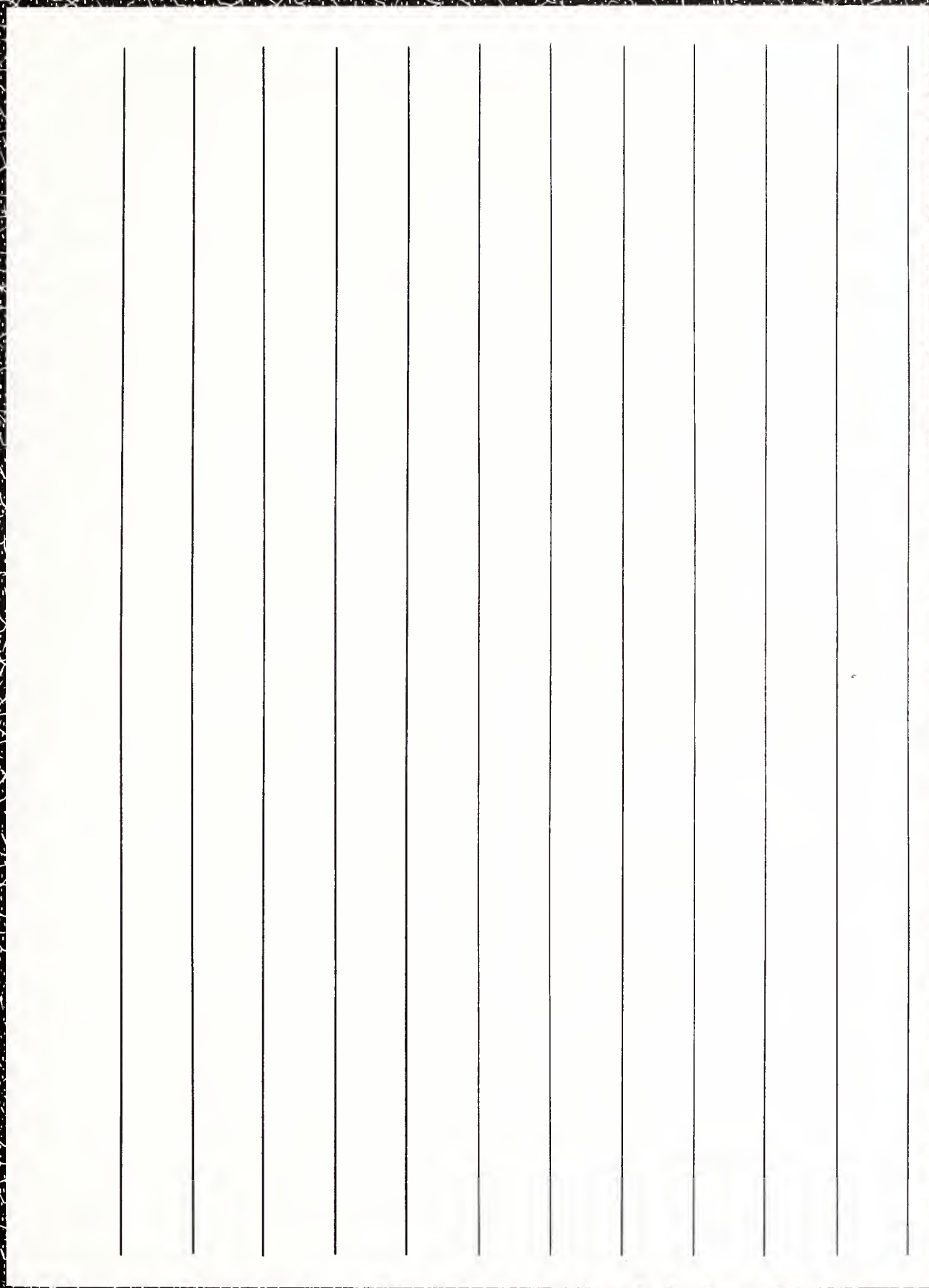
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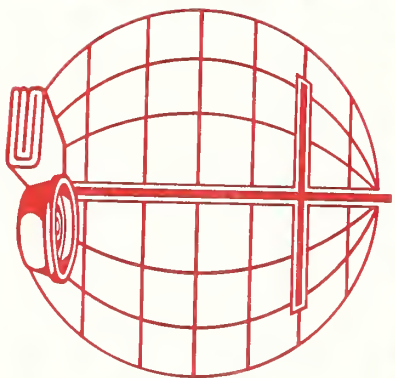
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BY GEORGE FREDERIC HANDEL

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# **MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE SENIOR RECEIVES YARBROUGH RESEARCH GRANT**

Lenwood E. "Len" Smith II of Saint Mary's Church in New Bern has been awarded a Yarbrough Research Grant from the North Carolina Academy of Science. Smith, a senior biology major at Mount Olive College, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lenwood E. Smith I of New Bern. He is the first MOC student to receive a Yarbrough Grant and one of 30 students in the state to receive the grant this year.

Smith's Senior Research and Seminar project was inspired by Dr. Hugo Lane, former head of the Collegiate Academy of the NC Academy of Science, who suggested that members study "the state of the state parks."

The project took Smith from the hillsides of the Cliffs of the Neuse State Park near Goldsboro, where he collected parts of the Galax plant, to the Mount Olive College lab, where he studied the plant's chromosomes. Smith, who is president of MOC's Henderson Science Club, spent the past summer collecting and recording his findings. He will present the results of his research to the Academy in April 1992.

A graduate of Ruth's Chapel Christian School in New Bern, Smith learned about Mount Olive College through his Sunday School teacher at Saint Mary's Church—MOC's Admissions Director Dianne B. Riley.

"There were only 12 graduates in my high school class, and I figured it would be easier to go to a smaller college," he says.

"I was in the first organic chemistry class, the first plant physiology class, and am currently in the first biochemistry class at Mount Olive," he says. "I like being first, and I am getting a good education here.

"The main benefit of being at Mount Olive is that I have learned a lot about myself, plus I've developed good friendships. The College is small enough that the professors know you well. If you're having a hard time, they'll give you the benefit of a doubt. At the same time, they'll challenge you," he says.

The marshal, secretary/treasurer of the senior class, and newly inducted member of Alpha Chi national honor society has definite ideas for his future.

"I want to go into ecology because it will be a challenge," he says. "I plan to go on to graduate school, and then I see myself be-

ing an ecologist in a Third World country, helping people to develop within the boundaries of their environment and not exploiting their resources in the process of growth."

## **SPRING SEMESTER BEGINS IN JANUARY**

Registration for spring classes at Mount Olive College is in progress now. Residence halls will open for the Spring Semester on Tuesday, January 7, and day classes will begin Thursday, January 9.

Evening class registration will take place Monday, January 13, through Thursday, January 15, at 6:30 p.m. Evening students may register in the Henderson Building the first night of classes.

The last day to register for all classes is Friday, January 24.

Mount Olive College holds classes on its main campus and at its off-campus program at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro. Four-year degrees, bachelor of arts, bachelor of science and bachelor of applied science, and two-year degrees, associate of arts and associate of science, are offered by MOC.

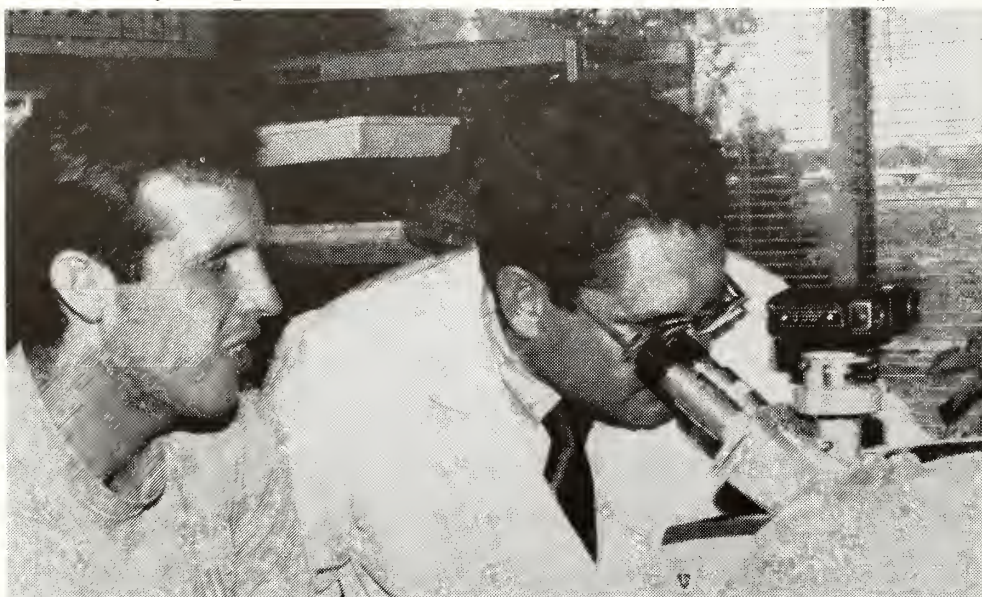
For more information on both daytime and evening classes, contact Dianne B. Riley, Director of Admissions, Mount Olive College, 514 Henderson Street, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365; (919) 658-2502.

## **RICHARD HOLMES— SEARCHING FOR GOD'S WILL**

by Patti O'Donoghue  
MOC Director of Public Information

Richard Holmes of Swansboro will graduate from Mount Olive College in December. Through his college studies and his church work, Holmes has had the opportunity to explore what God is calling him to do.

"I feel like God's will for me is to be in the pastoral ministry, helping to touch lives, supplying spiritual nourishment," he says. "I majored in psychology because it will help as I counsel my parishioners. I believe we are



Len Smith of Saint Mary's Church, Craven County, left, shares some of his research findings with Dr. Richard Bounds, MOC professor of Biology. Dr. Bounds served as Smith's Senior Research and Seminar project advisor (photo by Patti O'Donoghue).



called to use our gifts. Being able to sit down, listen, and sort out problems is one of my gifts."

A licensed Free Will Baptist minister preparing for ordination, Holmes' home church was one of the Home Mission churches, Silver Creek in Carteret County. He is currently a member of Stoney Creek Church in Wayne County. He has provided supply to numerous churches.

"Sometimes I bring the message or conduct the worship service or do hospital visitation," he says. "And I've been a youth minister at two churches."

"Working at the Free Will Baptist Children's Home last summer gave me a really good foundation for working with kids," he says. "I had a chance to apply some of the things I've learned in my psychology classes."

The son of Alice and Willard James Dunn of Swansboro, Holmes had his "life pretty much planned out" when he enrolled at Mount Olive College. He wanted to pursue a career in business.

"I got here and found out my interests didn't center on business," he remembers. "I was talking with a friend and she said, 'You need to be in a field where you are helping people, because you are always willing to help.' " After a week of prayer and thinking it over, Holmes changed his major.

Before entering Mount Olive, Holmes had felt a call to the ministry, but he was holding back. Influences at the College and within the church helped Holmes to crystallize his feelings.

"Being at Mount Olive has helped me grow spiritually—through friends in the Free Will Baptist Fellowship, Bible study groups, and by being around dedicated Christians—people who were really proud of their faith.

"Getting the opportunity to speak in churches and talking to ministers who had been through what I was going through helped me," he says. Through an experience during a trip to Cragmont, Holmes decided to fulfill his

calling. "In the mountains," he says, "I somehow felt closer to God.

"Dr. Hines (director of Education for Christian Ministries) has always been there for me, always willing to listen," Holmes says. "In my supervised ministry pro-

gram, I met with him at least once a week and talked about what I was doing. He gave me suggestions on why a thing might or might not work.

"Dr. Hines has helped me look at my gifts, figure out what I can do best, and go on from there."



Richard Holmes, left, pauses near Rodgers Chapel with Dr. K. David Hines, Mount Olive College's director of Education for Christian Ministries. Holmes, who recently conducted his first revival, is preparing for ordination. Dr. Hines directed the graduating senior's supervised ministry program at MOC (photo by Patti O'Donoghue).

## COMING EVENTS AT MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

**You are invited**

*Tuesday, December 3, "Messiah,"* MOC Department of Fine Arts and visiting orchestra, 8 p.m., First Baptist Church of Mount Olive

*Tuesday, December 10, "Christmas Around the World,"* Carolyn Knox, MOC professor of Fine Arts, 11 a.m., Rodgers Chapel

*Wednesday, December 11, North Carolina Symphony Holiday Pops Concert,* 8 p.m., College Hall. (For ticket information, contact Gary Barefoot, MOC Librarian.)

*Sunday, December 15, "Messiah,"* MOC Department of Fine Arts and visiting orchestra, 4 p.m., First Baptist Church of Mount Olive

*Thursday, January 9, 1992, Spring Semester day classes begin.* Evening classes begin Monday, January 13. Registration in progress. (For information, contact Dianne B. Riley.)

*Tuesday, January 14, Spring Convocation,* 11 a.m., College Hall

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## MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE DINING HALL PROJECT UPDATE

As of early November, more than \$1.4 million in gifts and pledges have been secured for Mount Olive College's \$2 million dining hall project. The Board of Trustees plans to award contracts as soon as the cost of the project is assured. The budget includes paying for the College Hall parking lot which will serve both buildings.

With completion of the 20,000 square-foot facility, the College plans to move all of its operations from the original building to the main campus.

### SUMMARY OF GIFTS AND PLEDGES BY PUBLICS

Board of Trustees (Current and honorary)	\$ 725,500.00
Alumni (Students and former personnel)	216,765.00
Businesses, Corporations, and Foundations	91,600.00
Individuals	171,720.00
FWB Churches and Organizations	<u>228,253.76</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$1,433,838.76</u>
Less Duplications	(32,082.00)
(For example, Some Trustees are also Alumni)	
NET TOTAL	<u>\$1,401,756.76</u>

### SUMMARY OF GIFTS AND PLEDGES BY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

#### ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE

Church	Pastor	Amount
Hickory Chapel	Robert M. May	\$ 5,000.00
Malachi's Chapel	Royce Reynolds	1,000.00
Mount Zion	W. C. Overton	1,000.00
Shiloh	James Corbett	1,000.00
Trinity (Beaufort)	N. D. Beaman	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total		<u>\$ 9,000.00</u>

#### CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE

Bethel	Emmitt Jones	\$ 500.00
Casey's Chapel	L. B. Woodall Jr.	3,000.00
First, Goldsboro	Norman Ard	5,000.00
Haymount	Dean Kennedy	1,000.00
Hopewell	Edmundo Gonzalez	2,000.00
Johnston Union	Gene Britt	1,000.00
Lanwood Chapel	Kenneth Jackson	1,000.00
Lee's Chapel	Phillip Boykin	10,000.00*
Cape Fear Union		1,000.00
Robert's Grove	Fred Baker	500.00
Saint Mary's Grove	Billy Nowell	5,000.00
Saint Paul's	Ed Miles	5,000.00
Shady Grove	Mike Ledbetter	<u>5,000.00</u>
Total		<u>\$ 40,000.00</u>

#### CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Bethany	David Parrish	\$ 2,000.00
Daniels Chapel	Earl Glenn	10,000.00*
Edgewood	Luther Bissette	1,000.00
Elm Grove Auxiliary		25.00
Celia Hart Garris		
Woman's Auxiliary		25.00
Harrell's Chapel	Jeff Cockrell	2,500.00
Howell Swamp	Ronald Braxton	500.00
Hugo	Tom Miller	742.76
Hull Road	Leon Grubbs	5,000.00
Greenville, First,		
Woman's Auxiliary		1,000.00
La Grange, First	Howard Starling	10,000.00*
Little Creek	Frank Flowers	5,000.00

Owens Chapel	Ronnie Mohn	1,000.00
Piney Grove	Norwood Futrell	200.00
Reedy Branch	Willis Wilson	4,000.00
First, Rocky Mount	M. Ray Williamson	100.00
Second Union SS		
Convention		300.00
Spring Branch	Billy Ray Jordan	151.00
First, Williamston		1,000.00
Winterville	David Langley	<u>2,500.00</u>
Total		<u>\$ 47,043.76</u>

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

Beulaville	Chris Singleton	\$ 7,500.00
Carteret County SS and		
Convention		500.00
Core Creek	Bryant Hines	4,000.00
Davis		1,000.00
Gethsemane	Lonnie Mann	500.00
Holly Springs (Newport)	J. C. Yates	10,000.00*
May's Chapel	Dwayne Jones	2,000.00
Northeast	A. B. Bryan	2,500.00
Smith's New Home	Walter Sutton	160.00
Sound View	Graham Lane	21,000.00*
First, Warsaw	Grady Davis	2,000.00
Westside	Wayne King	2,000.00
White Oak Grove	C. L. Patrick	<u>2,500.00</u>
Total		<u>\$ 55,660.00</u>

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

Everett's Chapel	Lloyd Hargis	\$ 1,000.00
First, Durham	Fred Johnson	5,000.00
Kenly	James V. Joyner	1,500.00
Little Rock	De Wayne Eakes	1,000.00
Marsh Swamp	Ray Wells	10,000.00*
Marsh Swamp Layman's		
League		1,000.00
Marsh Swamp Men and		
Women's SS Class		1,000.00
Marsh Swamp Sunday		
School		2,000.00
Micro	Clyde Cox	2,000.00
New Sandy Hill		3,000.00
Pleasant Hill		1,000.00
Saint Mary's (Kenly)	Ray Everton	3,000.00
Spring Hill	David Cauley	2,500.00
Stoney Creek	Gary Bailey	10,000.00*
Union Grove	Billy Yawn	10,000.00*
Total		<u>\$ 54,000.00</u>

#### PEE DEE CONFERENCE

Beaverdam	William J. Godwin	\$ 5,000.00
Thomasboro	Jerome Jenrette	<u>200.00</u>
Total		<u>\$ 5,200.00</u>

#### PIEDMONT CONFERENCE

Piedmont Conference	\$ 300.00
House of Prayer Ladies	
Auxiliary	50.00
Total	<u>\$ 350.00</u>

#### STATE-WIDE BODIES

NCFWB Woman's		
Auxiliary Convention	\$ 12,000.00*	
NCFWB Youth Fellowship Auxiliary		5,000.00
Total		<u>\$ 17,000.00</u>

#### GRAND TOTAL

\*Members of the Head Table Club

\$228,253.76



# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE AND ME



Alvin Watkins, 1967 Alumnus, and daughter, Jill Watkins, Class of 1993, at the Wayne County Dinner.

## **Jill Watkins**

**Major:** English, Visual Communications

**Hometown:** Goldsboro

**Church:** Spring Hill FWB, Wayne County

**High School:** Rosewood

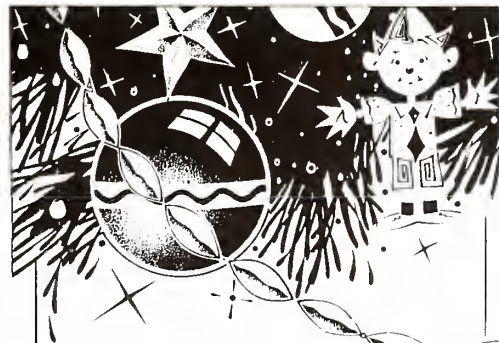
**Activities:** Free Will Baptist Fellowship Publicity Chairman,  
English Society, Concert Choir, Dorm Council

"I'd heard about Mount Olive College all my life. My dad told stories about how he and Dianne Riley (MOC Admissions Director) and Al Warrick (Dean of Students) were classmates and how much fun they had.

"I also felt that by coming to a smaller college there would be more opportunities to get experience in public relations, the field I'm interested in. At Mount Olive, I'm given the opportunity to meet the public all the time. I serve as a student hostess for dinners, Visitation Days, and special events; and I have a Leader's Scholarship under Mrs. Jean Ackiss (director of Church Support).

"The faculty and staff go out of their way to help you, to be friendly. Everyone speaks. I'm really enjoying my experience here. I wouldn't trade it for anything in the world."

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# In Memory of THE REVEREND RAYMOND TRAVIS SASSER

(March 8, 1912—November 2, 1991)

W. Burkette Raper, *President*  
Mount Olive College



Raymond Sasser lived by a motto:

"To do as much as I can while I can."

His personal life and his ministry represent the fulfillment of that motto.

We are now in the autumn season, the time of harvest. Raymond knew that the purpose of spring and summer was to prepare for the autumn of life. He understood well the words of the hymn "Work for the Night Is Coming."

Work, for the night is coming,  
Work, thru the morning hours;  
Work while the dew is sparkling,  
Work 'mid springing flow'rs;  
Work when the day grows brighter,  
Work in the glowing sun;  
Work, for the night is coming,  
When man's work is done.

Work, for the night is coming,  
Work thru the sunny noon;  
Fill brightest hours with labor,  
Rest comes sure and soon.  
Give ev'ry flying minute  
Something to keep in store:  
Work, for the night is coming,  
When man works no more.

Annie L. Coghill

## Transcending Time

While in our State Capital a few days ago, I decided to take a walk through one of the large shopping malls. I wanted to sense the spirit of the season, to feel the pulse of the economy and to get in my daily walk.

The stores were laden with merchandise—more clothing than I had ever seen. Idle clerks were looking anxiously at the doors hoping that some of us who were passing might step inside. There were delicious looking foods of all kinds displayed in the most tempting manner. Computers, large screen televisions and other products of our modern technology were in abundance. I passed them all by as I walked briskly to keep up my pace.

Suddenly, however, at a corner where I had to turn, there stood a large object which stopped me in my tracks. Before me, face to face, was the largest clock I had ever seen—much taller than I. We stared at each other. Neither of us spoke, but the clock delivered its message. There was the hour hand. It appeared to stand still. I looked at the minute hand. It did not appear to be in a hurry. It was the second hand that would not let me go—a big red needle that

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was racing with relentless speed around the large face of that clock.

I felt hypnotized. I realized that every time that needle made its sweep a minute was gone that I could never call back. A minute was gone forever. Its fast pace disturbed me. I wanted to reach up and stop it, but then I realized that the clock was not mine and whether I liked it or not, it was not subject to my control.

The words of the ancient philosopher came to mind:

"The moving finger writes and having writ moves on.  
Not all your wit nor all your pity  
shall lure it back to cancel half a line,  
Nor all your tears wash out a word of it."

It is true that we cannot stop time, but I believe that Raymond Sasser has shown us that through faith in the Eternal God of the Universe, we can transcend time.

When I began preaching in the mid 1940s as a teenage Free Will Baptist minister, Raymond Sasser was one of the most active and best known laymen in our church. He was serving as the first president of the State Sunday School Convention. Whenever Free Will Baptists gathered, Raymond was there promoting with enthusiasm the work of the Sunday School.

With the use of his glass banks he urged every Sunday School to support a fund for a Christian camp for our church. His crusade helped to provide the funds for the purchase of Cragmont Assembly which has touched and enriched every facet of the work of our church.

Ten years later, Raymond answered the call to the Christian ministry. And to the ministry he brought the knowledge and discipline of his business career. For thirty-six years he held high the standards of his calling, and wherever he went he made a difference. Like us, he could not stop the hands of time, but he has left us with a heritage that transcends time.

### His Legacy

Consider the legacy he left Original Free Will Baptists. He was a charter member of the Selma Church. Consider his work in the advancement of Christian education through Sunday School. Consider his leadership in the establishing of Cragmont Assembly. Consider the monument of his first pastorate in the Tarboro Church. The church had just been organized out of a prayer meeting when he went there. During his pastorate, 267 members were added and 203 of these were by profession of faith and baptism. In addition, he left the church with a beautiful sanctuary, a fellowship hall, and a parsonage. He also left his footprints on the other churches he served: Stony Hill in Nash County; Rose of Sharon in Martin County; and Pleasant Plain in Johnston County.

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Perhaps I knew him best as an active, faithful and generous supporter of Mount Olive College where he served as a member of the Board of Trustees for eighteen years, after which he was made an honorary trustee for life. He supported every project of the College: the building of a chapel; the construction of College Hall (I remember that he was there to break ground); he supported The Bridge to the Future Campaign for the transition from a two-year to a four-year College; he supported the development of the library for which he and Mrs. Sasser were charter patrons; he supported The Road to Excellence Fund to strengthen Mount Olive College as a senior college; and he and Mrs. Sasser were among the first to make pledges for the building of the new dining hall. And his support will continue through the Endowment he and his family established in 1980.

In all the other phases of our work, his life was like a "Bag of Tools":

Isn't it strange that princes and kings,  
And clowns that caper in sawdust rings,  
And common builders like you and me,  
Are builders for eternity?

Each is given a bag of tools,  
A shapeless mass, a book of rules:  
And each must make ere life is flown,  
A stumbling block, or a stepping stone.

— Author Unknown  
(A favorite poem of Mr. Sasser)

The autumn of his life has come, but the harvest of his work transcends time. With Daniel Webster, Raymond believed:

If we work upon marble, it will perish;  
If on brass, time will efface it,  
If we rear temples, they will crumble into dust;  
but if we work upon immortal minds  
and imbue them with principles,  
with the just fear of God  
and love of our fellowman,  
we engrave on those tablets something  
that will brighten to all eternity."

Then, there is the legacy he left his family—the standard of excellence by which he lived. His conduct was always consistent with his values and ideas. He sought to see the good in everybody, and never to return evil for evil. When a tenant in one of his rented houses asked to borrow Raymond's wrench and moved away with both the wrench and a sink which the wrench fitted, Raymond's comment was, "If he can live with them, I can live without them."

He believed that to live for Christ was gain, to live for the world was pain. He believed that the world has nothing to offer that you can carry with you. He believed that whatever he had was the Lord's—that he was only the steward of what God entrusted to him for the few years he had on earth. One of his sons suggested that his middle initial "T"

(Turn the Page)



stood not for Travis but for "Tithes." The other of his sons commented: "The older I get, the more important what he taught me becomes."

Raymond worked hard. He lived a frugal but sensible life. He managed well. He was generous. He taught his family that what counts is not what you have, but what you do with it. He understood and believed in seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and he trusted God for all else.

Standing side by side with Raymond in his ministry and in his life was his good and faithful wife of more than half a century—Hilda Gray. During his years of declining health Hilda put special meaning to her vow:

"For better for worse,  
For richer for poorer,  
In sickness and in health,  
To love and to cherish,  
'Til death us do part."

In good times and in difficult times Raymond and Hilda lived by the prayer:

"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can and wisdom to know the difference."

They knew that God can be trusted to do for us what we cannot do for ourselves. They knew that beyond time and human mortality is God's eternity:

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).



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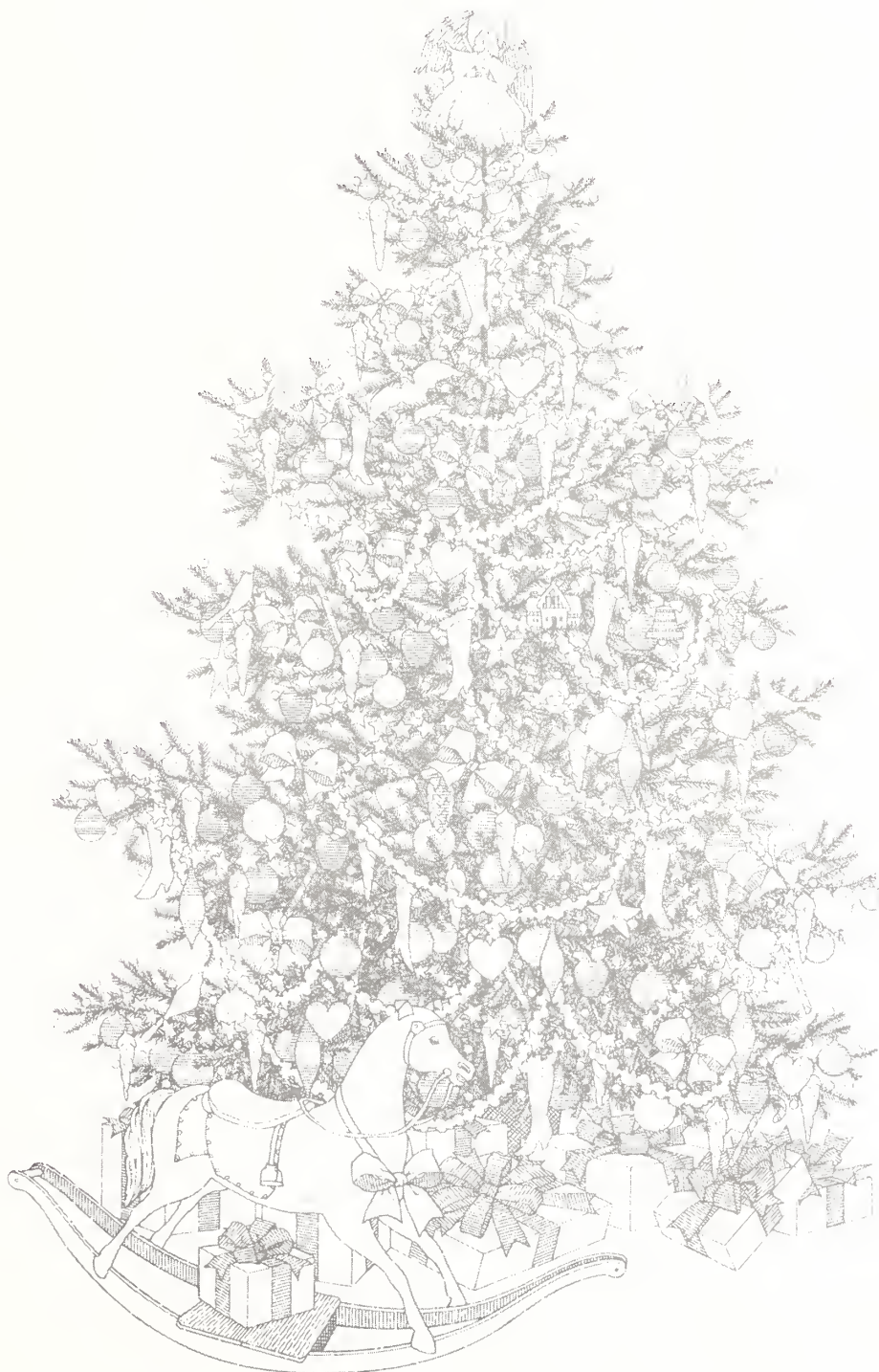
# HOLIDAY MATCHES

by Lynette Sumerlin

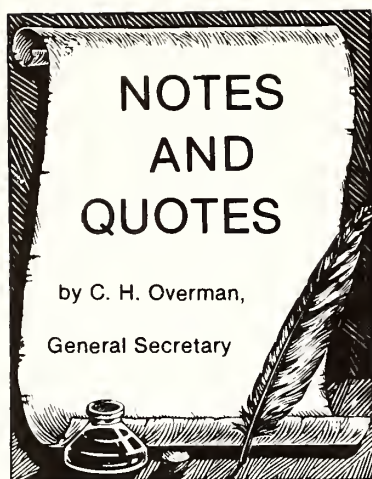
Christmas will soon be here and we will decorate our homes with holiday decorations and choose gifts for friends and family. Below is a list of words associated with Christmas. Draw lines to match each of them with one of the Scriptures on the right.

presents  
ornaments  
gifts  
fir  
wreath  
lights  
child  
manger  
bells  
shepherds  
star  
wise men

Matthew 2:8  
Revelation 11:10  
Exodus 2:17  
Matthew 2:7  
James 1:17  
Luke 2:7  
Matthew 2:10  
Psalm 76:11  
2 Chronicles 4:13  
Exodus 39:25  
Ezekiel 16:11  
Zechariah 11:2







## NOTES AND QUOTES

by C. H. Overman,  
General Secretary

### A QUICK TRIP TO CRAGMONT

As mentioned in last month's "Notes and Quotes," the fall meetings are now over, except for some of the ministry board meetings remaining for the last few weeks of November.

On Friday, November 8, I was privileged to make a quick trip to Cragmont with Brother Gary Bailey for the purpose of attending the Cragmont Board Meeting on Saturday morning. We arrived about 7 p.m., and we were pleased to see that quite a few others were there also. Some of them were sitting around the fireplace enjoying the beauty and comfort of it all. There was a group from Saint Mary's Church (Western Conference) and a group from Sound Side Church (Albemarle Conference). Brother Ray Everton, pastor of Saint Mary's, was there with some of his members, along with Brother Jeff Daughtry, a member of Saint Mary's. These two groups, along with the Board members and their wives, gave a total of about fifty. Whether short or long, any trip to Cragmont is a good one.

The Board meeting started at 9 a.m. on Saturday and ended before 11 a.m. Brother Gary and I left a little after 12:30 and arrived home around 7 p.m. on Saturday. Even in cold weather, Cragmont is warm—warm with Christian love and fellowship. A few snowflakes fell on Friday evening. Later on Saturday, however,

about three inches fell and those remaining had the privilege of seeing and experiencing a "winter wonderland" at Cragmont.

Insofar as a trip to the mountains in the cold weather, someone stated that you would not want to go to the mountains when the trees are bare. To a "lover of the mountains," however, there is a quaint beauty in the bareness of the mountains. Then there's the evergreen trees that dot the mountains that become quite visible during the winter months. Anyway, it was good to once again visit Cragmont, the "People Place," nestled at the foot of Mount Allen.

### ANOTHER PRIVILEGE

Again this year, it was my privilege to attend the Middle Eastern District Original Free Will Baptist Annual Conference, meeting October 29—November 2, 1991, at the L. N. Forbes Tabernacle, Wilson, NC. Along with Brother Scott Sowers, president of our Convention, I attended on October 30. Others of our number included Cliff Gray, the Rev. Sherman Dilley, and the Rev. Graham Lane. As always, we were cordially welcomed and treated royally. Bishop Forbes is one to make all visitors welcomed. His manner of conducting the meeting excels in every respect. We heard some good preaching and singing.

Upon entering the Tabernacle and registering, each person is provided with a packet which contains the program and other information. The packet this year contained a sheet entitled, "The No-Excuse Sunday," which follows (surely all of us can relate to it):

**THE NO-EXCUSE SUNDAY**  
In order to make it possible for everyone to attend church next week, we are planning a no-excuse Sunday.

1. Cots will be placed in the vestibule for those who say, "Sunday is my only day for sleeping in."

2. Eye drops will be available for those whose eyes are tired from watching TV too late on Saturday night.

3. We will have steel helmets for those who believe the roof will cave in if they show up for church services.

4. Blankets will be furnished for those who complain that the church is too cold. Fans will be on hand for those who say the church is too hot.

5. We will have hearing aids for the parishioners who say, "The pastor doesn't talk loud enough." There will be cotton for those who say, "The pastor talks too loud."

6. Score cards will be available for those who wish to count the hypocrites.

7. We guarantee that some relatives will be present for those who like to go visiting on Sunday.

8. There will be TV dinners available for those who claim they can't go to church and cook dinner too.

9. One section of the church will have trees and grass for those who see God in nature, especially on the golf course.

10. The sanctuary will be decorated with Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies to create a familiar environment for those who have never seen the church without them.

See you in church.



**SAFE SEX AND  
MAGIC JOHNSON**

Magic Johnson, basketball superstar and idol to thousands of the world's youth, has the AIDS virus. His twelve-year career with the Los Angeles team has come to an untimely end. Why? Medical reports state that Magic contracted the AIDS virus, not through dirty drug needles or homosexual sex, but through heterosexual relations. Magic took it a step further by calling his actions "safe sex." He continues to state that his mission in life now will be to ring a bell to everyone about this dreadful disease and that you can even practice "safe sex" and still be plagued by AIDS. It will be important to hear what Magic has to say because of his popularity with so many impressionable young minds.

One thing to remember as this story unfolds: A life of promiscuity, adultery and fornication should not be considered "safe sex." And the only "safe sex" that exists is that which God intended between husband and wife.

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**THE MARK OF THE  
BEAST BEING TESTED?**

Right now, as you are reading this, a U.S. company is perfecting a silicon computer chip that can be implanted under the skin. This chip can be read by scanners identical to the ones in your supermarket.

Company documents state that the chip has been "developed in cooperation with government agencies" to solve the age-old problem of "providing positive identification of equipment, animals, and people."

Combining this new technology with that of electronic banking . . . which planners boast will "lead to the destruction of cash and the birth of the cashless society" . . . you can quickly realize how close the Mark of the Beast may be!

The Omega Letter

**FUTURE OF FINANCES**

In his new book *The Coming Economic Earthquake*, Christian financial advisor Larry Burkette states that indicators in the economy right now should warn the American people.

"I believe that we are facing an economic crisis that can destroy the finances of most Americans—can destroy their retirement plans, their social security income, their bank accounts, their insurance companies, and their jobs, if we are not very careful." He further adds, "I'm not an alarmist. All I am doing is dealing with the facts and figures provided to me by the U.S. Government. They show that before the end of this decade, we will face a situation where the government will not be able to pay its bills, nor even the interest on its bills."

If economic collapse does come, for those who obey our Heavenly Father and look to Him, He promises to take care of all of their needs (Matthew 6:25-34).

**THE LOTTERY WILL  
BE BACK IN '92**

The issue of a state lottery will be back before the 1992 legislative session. The 1991 adjournment resolution will allow any bill to be considered in 1992, if it passed one of the two legislative bodies during the 1991 session. The Lottery Act (Senate Bill 2) passed the Senate, and it will be eligible to be considered again in the House.

Keep in contact with your House member, and be sure that your legislator is opposed to state-sponsored gambling. Next year, 1992, is an election year, and that will be in favor of lottery opponents.

Christian Action League

**AG SAYS, "NO"  
TO DIVORCED MINISTERS**

The forty-fourth annual general council of the Assemblies of God (AG) rejected a resolution that

would have allowed divorced and remarried individuals to receive ministerial credentials. The proposed resolution lost by a vote of 1,365 to 895 and addressed only cases in which the divorce took place prior to the salvation of those in question.

**ONCE IS NOT ENOUGH**

Omond Memorial United Church must rehire its pastor eight years after he was dismissed, according to the *Ottawa Citizen* newspaper.

The Canadian minister won an unprecedented court settlement in the Ontario Court of Appeals forcing his church to rehire him and pay him eight year's salary back pay, legal costs, and benefits, totaling \$300,000.

Ronald McCaw had been requested to take a course to "improve his pastoral skills." When he refused, the presbytery officials voted to dismiss him from his pastorate.

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